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AMOY ISOLATED BY COMMUNIST FORCES Gunfire Audible In City As Reds Approach CHIANG MAKES APPEAL

Canton, September 21.
Gunfire was audible inside Amoy today as Communist General Chen Yi's 25th and 29th armies were reported to have completed virtual isolation of the island city.

Mao Speaks To Peiping Conference

San Francisco, September 21.
The first plenary session of the "Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference" opened in Peiping today.
According to Peiping Radio tonight one of the subjects it will discuss is the organizational structure of the "Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China."

Those present at today's session of the conference included Mr. Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Communist Party of China, who said that the conference was composed of over 600 delegates representing all China's democratic parties and groups, people's organizations, the People's Liberation Army, various areas, various nationalities—and overseas Chinese.

One Choice

There was only one choice—"to overthrow those enemies or to be slaughtered and oppressed by them," Mr. Mao added.
He also said that the Political Consultative Conference had the trust and support of the Chinese people and it, therefore, declared that it "represents the powers of a national People's Congress."
In a reference to the war in China, Mr. Mao said that at present the Communist armies had struck to areas close to Taiwan, Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Kweichow, Szechwan and Sinkiang, and most of the Chinese people had been "liberated."
"Within three years," Mr. Mao said, "the people throughout the country have united together, supported the People's Liberation Army, opposed their enemy, and have won a basic victory. It is on such a foundation that the People's Political Consultative Conference has opened today,"—Reuters.

PORTUGAL DEVALUES

Lisbon, September 21.
Portugal today devalued the escudo about 15 per cent in relation to the United States dollar.—Reuters.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (3 P.M. HKST) the tropical storm is now a shallow depression over Central Indo-China. Pressure is high over N. China and the Pacific E. of Japan. A sharp and intensifying trough extends from the W. Carolinas to the S. of Japan but because of an absence of observations it is not known if there is a circulation within this system E. or W. of the Philippines.

Today's Forecast: Moderate E. winds. Cloudy with rain at first, improving.
Yesterday's Weather:
Maximum: 79.2 deg. F.
Minimum: 74.7 deg. F.
Sunshine: Nil.
Rainfall: 30.9 mm—1.22 in. Total since Jan. 1—1798.8 mm—70.81 in. as against an average of 1822.4 mm—71.72 in.
Readings at:
10 a.m. 74.0 deg. F.
Baro. at sea level 1012.2 mm—29.94 in.
Rel. Humidity 59 54 56
Wind Total 17.6 14 deg. F.
Wind Direction E by N E
Wind Force 2 to 3 kts.
High 79.4 deg. F.
Low 72.8 deg. F.
Ten thousand Suluys troops have started to move westward toward Ninghsia Province following the report

As the situation deteriorated, special planes were reported to be standing by for emergency evacuation of the Nationalists from the island, presumably to Taiwan.

The official Central News Agency meanwhile reported that the defender of Amoy, General Liu Yu-ming assured the populace that he "will hold the city" and urged citizens inside the city to remain calm despite the growing sound of gunfire.

The same agency said artillery duels between Nationalist batteries in Amoy and Communist guns mounted on the opposite coast had started since Monday night, confirming earlier reports the Communists were advancing along the Changchow-Amoy highway in face of stiff resistance from the Nationalists.

In West Hunan, the local "Tai Kwong Pao" reported today that along the Yangtze River, had fallen to the Communist 38th army. The Reds were reported to be continuing to press forward.

Fighting for the big seaport of Amoy rose to full crescendo today in the wake of Chiang Kai-shek's appeal to repel Communist sermons and save China from becoming a Russian vassal, adds Associated Press.

Official dispatches said three Red armies with two artillery regiments in support, were making an assault on the once thriving port of Amoy, 25 miles East, North East of Canton.
Fall of Amoy, mainland headquarters of the Nationalist South East China command, probably would herald a big Communist drive on already threatened Canton from the coast.

Chiang's Plea

Chiang's plea for a "life and death struggle" came as the Reds pressed his remnant nation in South, Central and South West China. And to all this was added reports of a revolt which turned the North Western province of Szechwan over to the Communists.
Delivering a 10,000 word message to the Chinese people from Chungking, his World War II capital, the Generalissimo said yesterday:

"Not a single person or family can afford to remain outside during this stage of the national struggle. This is a life and death struggle. This is a struggle between freedom and servitude."
Chiang called the civil war also a fight for national existence, declaring the Reds have pledged to stand with Russia in a third world war.
He admitted mistakes of leadership which had cost the Nationalists Manchuria and North China. But he claimed the Reds already "have sown the seeds of defeat" with hunger in their rural areas and economic disruption of their cities.
The fighting for Amoy joined in battle again the commanders who won and lost Shanghai.

The Red attackers belong to General Chen Yi's Third Field Army, General Tang Zhen-po commands the Nationalist defenders.
From the Hunan Province front, official reports claimed Jucheng, 170 miles North of Canton, again changed hands with the Nationalist retaking it yesterday.

Against this minor success on the East flank of Nationalist Central China, Commander Pao Chung-hsi admitted the Reds had gained against his West flank.
Press dispatches said the important highway town of Yuanling was lost to the Reds. Yuanling is 163 miles North West of Pao's main base at Hengyang, 265 miles North of Canton.

Suiyuan Defection

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Britain's Latest Fighter



The Vickers Supermarine 510 whistles over Farnborough airfield, Hampshire. Piloted by Lieutenant Commander Michael Lithgow, the tiny plane screwed round the field at about 615 miles an hour. The previous day it reached 150, 25 miles an hour on the world record. This and other advanced aircraft are on display at the Society of British Aircraft Constructors' exhibition at Farnborough. The 510 is powered by a Rolls Royce "Nene" jet engine.—(AP Photo.)

Romulo Outlines The Path To Peace

New York, September 21.

Brigadier-General Carlos P. Romulo said last night the United Nations can provide the path to peace by helping nations, large and small, reconcile their differences.

The newly elected President of the United Nations General Assembly spoke at a dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel given by the City of New York in honour of delegates to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The United Nations "cannot make the peace" unaided, General Romulo told about 1,000 persons, including the Foreign Ministers of 17 countries, several Ambassadors and Delegates.

"That is the privilege and the responsibility of the powers, particularly the great powers, and until they come to terms, the world will continue to be subject to the dangerous tensions and pressures of political conflict," he said. "But the United Nations can help to reconcile their differences."

"The United Nations is not endowed with the miraculous powers to move or level mountains—the mountains of misunderstanding, suspicion and rivalry that divide the nations and bar the way to world peace. But it can build passable roads of conciliation to the other side."

General Romulo noted a proposal by Nicaragua that the United Nations render a tribute to the memories of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt for their efforts in behalf of the League of Nations and of the United Nations. He said the greatest tribute that could be paid to Wilson and Roosevelt would be to carry on with renewed zeal and devotion the work they so nobly began until the four freedoms shall have become no longer the cherished privilege of a few but the common property of all men everywhere.

General Romulo said the problems confronting the United Nations ranged "from the control of atomic energy and the disposition of the former Italian colonies to the adoption of a new, uniform calendar for the whole world."

The pledge came from the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin. He told the dinner gathering the Western nations are determined to take every step to avoid using the destructive powers of atomic energy. "Rather," he said, "we must find an antidote to destruction by establishing confidence among the nations of the world."

"We shall take care now that no nation shall be under any delusion that it can get so ad-

Chinese Destroyer Fired On ss. Edith Moller

A Chinese destroyer fired five broadside blasts at the British ship ss. Edith Moller on September 19, after Nationalist officials in Tinghai had cleared the vessel to proceed to Hong Kong, according to an officer of the ship which returned to the Colony yesterday.
Chinese Nationalists had detained the Edith Moller in Tinghai for 25 days, after a Nationalist warship intercepted the ship at the mouth of Yangtze river on August 23.

On September 19, after the Edith Moller was a day out of Tinghai, a Nationalist warship with engine trouble signalled the Edith Moller to tow her into Shanghai.
The Edith Moller's Captain refused because of bad weather, and the two ships exchanged

Payments To Kin Of Yangtze Dead

A total of £16,000 has already been disbursed to dependents of those who lost their lives in the Yangtze Incident and to those who were seriously injured, it was officially announced yesterday.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Hong Kong Naval Aid Fund held during the week, it was stated that full disbursement would be made when reports are received concerning some of the seriously wounded.

The Trustees made every effort to comply with any special requests for the disposal of a donation.

Numerous letters of thanks have been received, and some typical examples are—
"I wish to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks to the people of Hong Kong. This generous gift, and very practical token of sympathy, will be of great personal assistance in my present circumstances, and will in addition help to lighten in some degree the burden of my sorrow and loss."

Another says: "I am at a loss for words to express the gratitude my family and myself feel towards the people of Hong Kong for their generous gift, which will be of great help to us at the present time."

The loss of our dear son on board HMS Amethyst is a blow that only time can soften, yet we bear pride in the fact that in his passing he so worthily upheld the traditions of the British Navy, and it is of immense comfort to us to know that the people of Hong Kong share that pride with us.

"We extend to each and every one of them our heartfelt thanks and gratitude not only for the practical expression of their sympathy but the great confidence they have inspired."

EXTORTION DEMAND AGAINST RAILWAY

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, September 21.
Bandits demanded that the Canton-Samsui Railway pay them HK\$3,000 a week as extortion money otherwise they will blow up the railway. The railway is unable to comply with this "order."

The railway runs from Canton Westward to Samsui over a distance of 40 miles. Fatshan is on this line, sixteen miles West of Canton. Trains are leaving both terminal stations hourly.

Heretofore the extortion was confined to river vessels, which are still threatened by the thugs. Now the extortion is extended to railways.

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Gordon Leaves For Shanghai

The American President Lines ship, ss. General Gordon, left Hong Kong early yesterday morning for Shanghai.

The General Gordon, expected to arrive in Shanghai on Sept. 23, will evacuate more than 1,500 Europeans, and will return to Hong Kong on September 27.

More than half of the evacuees will be Americans.

Yesterday morning, first class passengers from the General Gordon transferred to the ss. President Wilson, which will leave for Yokohama today.

Third-class passengers of the General Gordon will wait in Hong Kong for the ship to return and board ship on September 27 for Yokohama.

The United States State Department, after weeks of negotiation, has arranged clear passage for the General Gordon from the Nationalist Government and Communist authorities.

The liner General Gordon will return to Hong Kong after calling at Shanghai to pick up refugees, reports Associated Press from Shanghai.

The American President Lines announced this change to permit several hundred British to obtain passage to Hong Kong—provided they can obtain proper papers in time.

The change caught the British here flat footed. They previously had been told the General would carry no Hong Kong passengers, because it would return to the United States via Yokohama.

It was noted that nearly 1,500 British would be on the ship for the United States or Japan. A. P. L. said it would take 400 or 500 more to Hong Kong from Hong Kong. The General will go to Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco.

The ship left Hong Kong empty. Originally the ship had planned to bring about 600 Chinese from Manila and Hong Kong to Shanghai. But apparently the Chinese Nationalists granted safe passage to the Gordon only if it travelled empty.

Reds Suffer Defeat In Jap Farm Regions

Tokyo, September 21.
Japanese farmers today gave the Communist Party its worst defeat since the end of the war as they named Conservatives and Socialists to more than 90 per cent of the seats in 46 prefectural farmland commissions.

Only one of 110 Communist candidates was elected, while the Socialists had 80 successful candidates, the Democratic Liberals 50, Democrats 20. Independent victors totalled 218, most of them being regarded as Conservative.

Eligible voters were members of town and village commissions—United Press.

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Traffic Suggestion

Sir,—Through the medium of your most valuable paper, may the following remarks come to the notice of "The Traffic Commissioners," and that consideration by them be given to same. Surely, it's about time a P. C. was placed on duty outside Dockyard Gates, at In and Out muster times of "Dockyard Workers," to control traffic, to allow these hundreds to cross the road at intervals, in comparative safety. At present, it is nerve-racking to witness their efforts in doing so—sometimes dodging from row of traffic.

It would be greatly appreciated by members of Messes in this vicinity if something can be done in this matter, as it can well be imagined that at the above stated times it is "hell let loose" with continuous "hooting and hollering," and 50 yards foot bell ringing solo efforts by tram drivers.

Whilst on the subject of "hooting and hollering," cannot universal use of this practice be made a punishable offence, e.g. taxi-drivers approaching and overtaking tram-cars, rickshaw pullers (already nursing the curb, afraid to venture from this safety mark).

Suggested system of control has been in operation outside Devonport Dockyard for years where some thousands more workers are employed and considerably less vehicular traffic in use.

TRAFFIC-MINDED.

Yesterday's Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Marcos Antonio D'Almada. They were married at the Rosary Church yesterday. The bride is the former Miss Patricia Theresa Osmund.—(Francis Wu Studio).

DEFENDANTS FINED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT

The Supreme Court yesterday imposed penalties in the form of fines ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 on the "Hwa Shiang Pao" Limited, the Yau Lee Printing Company, the newspaper's chairman of the Board of Directors, its editor, and registered printer, for publishing material in contempt of court.

Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, commenting on the article which involved one Andrew Milne on a charge of rape published on September 5, declared that though the person accused happened to be a British soldier, it made not the slightest difference whether he is British or any other race.

"It makes no difference what are his politics and it makes no difference what is his creed. The law is the same for everybody," Sir Leslie pointed out.

Yesterday's court was a Full Court, and was composed of the Chief Justice and the senior Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Williams.

Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, instructed by Mr. L. R. Andrews, Crown Solicitor, was present for the Attorney General.

The Hon. Leo d'Almada, K.C., appeared on behalf of the respondents on the instructions of Mr. F. Zimmerman.

An order nisi against the respondents was issued by the Full Court on Saturday last to show cause why they should not be punished for contempt of court.

According to an affidavit of Inspector Scragg and the article published in the newspaper in question, the arrest of Milne was made on September 2. He was brought before a magistrate the next day on a charge of rape, the maximum punishment for which is life imprisonment.

Quite Common

At the hearing on Saturday, Mr. Hooton had stated that this type of contempt of court was quite common, though the article did not refer to the accused by name.

All the respondents are of 123 Connaught Road Central. Mr. Tang Man-chiu is the chairman of the Board of Directors of the "Hwa Shiang Pao," Limited. Wang Kai-chen is its registered printer and Lee See-mo, the editor.

Mr. d'Almada told the Court yesterday that the fourth and fifth respondents had left the Colony some days before the publication concerned came out.

In their places are Mr. Mak Mooking the acting manager of the "Hwa Shiang Pao," Limited, and Mr. Yung Tz-ching the manager of the newspaper and acting editor in the absence of Lam.

The two persons, counsel said, have instructions to submit to the jurisdiction of the Full Court.

Mr. d'Almada went on to say that all the respondents admit the article published constituted a contempt of court. He was instructed to say that they greatly regretted its publication. He asked that the court hear him as to the circumstances leading to the publication of the report.

The "Hwa Shiang Pao," he continued, in July 1 took into employment a young reporter, 21-year-old Harry Chen See. This young reporter, fresh from school, on September 4 went to Tsun Wan, New Territories, to glean information on a strike at a certain cotton mill there. From Tsun Wan, he took a bus to Castle Peak, intending to visit a friend of his there.

Overheard Discussion

Not finding him there, the reporter dropped in at a nearby tea-house. There he overheard a discussion on matters relating to the case later published. In his zeal as a new reporter, he deemed it his duty to find out more facts about it.

He managed to learn the whereabouts of the complainant. In question and interview he returned to Hong Kong later in the day, wrote up the story, and handed it in.

There was no question of any special assignment of the young reporter to cover the case, counsel said.

Referring to a copy of the newspaper of the day in question containing the article, Mr. d'Almada reiterated that there was no suggestion that the article did not constitute a contempt. On the other hand, the article itself purported to be a bare narrative of an interview with the complainant.

He pointed out that the article did not contain anything by way of comment or embellishment.

Counsel asked the Court to note that no special prominence was given to the article in the newspaper, it being set out in the back page and with no heavy headlines. There was no attempt to play up the story.

Turning back to the circumstances that led to the printing of the story, Mr. d'Almada said that the acting editor of the newspaper was only acting in the absence of the editor who had been on a month's leave. On the night in question, he had not been feeling very well and had gone home early, before the young reporter had turned in his story.

The day before, counsel said he had spoken to Mr. Yung Tz-ching, the manager of the newspaper, and had asked him to submit to the jurisdiction of the Full Court.

Personalia

Professor Gangga Singh, a well-known Indian arrived on Tuesday night from the United States aboard the ss General Gordon on his way to India. Professor Singh will stay for some days in the Colony, during which time he will deliver lectures to the Indian community.

Departure from the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Miss M. E. Buckley, Miss De Etta Jacobs, Messrs. R. C. Boucher, J. D. Williams, R. W. Wyper, E. D. Blanchard, D. W. Pepper, M. D. Johnson, V. L. Chen, and Captain W. L. Meil.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel, on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Lewis, Mrs. S. J. Schuchman, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Clements, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Nattier, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Tso, Colonel and Mrs. J. K. Baker, Messrs. J. A. Oldfield, Y. L. Liang, T. H. Green, J. A. Mowbray, T. H. Giles, P. Chao, J. C. Smith, T. Yang, H. L. Chow and Ed. Goldman.

Lieutenant-General F. W. Festing, GOC-in-Chief, Hong Kong, has been admitted to hospital. He is suffering from a sinus ailment and is expected to be in hospital for three days.

Mr. L. C. Morgan, Senior Inspector of Schools, will leave shortly for Canada to make an extensive study in the Dominion of all aspects of Adult and Mass Education. Mr. Morgan has been awarded a Fellowship by the Canadian Committee of Reconstruction, through the UNESCO for the purpose. The Hong Kong Education Department is paying close attention to the possibilities in the Colony of Adult and Mass Education.

Mr. J. Pittendreich left for Sydney by Qantas Airways.

Among those who left for Singapore by BOAC yesterday were Mr. W. J. Dobbs, Major T. H. Dill, Mr. R. Holley, Mr. John-berry, Mr. J. A. Oldfield, Mr. J. W. Easton, Mr. Peter R. Grime.

Chinese Gov't Assets In Hong Kong

Reports circulated yesterday said that the Chinese National Government has ordered the removal of all Chinese government goods and movable assets from Hong Kong to China.

The object, said the reports, is to prevent the goods and assets from falling into the hands of the Communist-sponsored "Coalition Government" (expected to be set up on October 10) in the event of its being recognised by Britain.

All local Chinese government organisations, however, said yesterday that they had no knowledge of the reported order from the National Government.

Among the Chinese government organisations which have offices in Hong Kong are the Central Bank of China, the Bank of China, the Farmers' Bank, the Bank of Communications, the Postal and Savings Bank, the Central Trust, the National Resources Commission, and the Ministry of Communications.

While denying any knowledge of the order from the National Government, representatives of some of the organisations said that such an order was not improbable.

It was added that the amount of government goods and assets in Hong Kong was not considerable. Treasure such as gold and silver had already been removed to Taiwan.

The unconfirmed reports said that the National Government in Britain may officially recognise the proposed new "Coalition Government."

They referred to the recent editorial in the "North-China Daily News," which advocated British recognition of the proposed Coalition Government, and other reports of the same nature.

The forthcoming wedding of Surgeon Lieutenant Donald R. Recker, R.N., of HMS "Tamar" and Miss Ethel Albanian, Chere, en route to Hong Kong from London, has been announced.

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This special service to English-speaking Rediffusion listeners will be continued direct from the trading floor, until further notice, and so far has proved of great interest to financial officers throughout the Colony.

If the demand warrants this Rediffusion service can be augmented by daily broadcasts at the close of afternoon trading sessions.

For Chinese-speaking listeners a similar service has been inaugurated daily at 12.15 p.m. with commentators in Cantonese giving similar reports on world financial conditions and local trading news with all available prices and quotations. This service in Chinese will be heard on Rediffusion's Silver Network until further notice.

Fishermen Forced At Gun Point To Sell Their Catch

Evidence was given in the case against 10 Chinese, who among them faced 11 charges of criminal intimidation and illegal possession of arms, before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday.

The men were alleged to have committed the offences within a period of several months culminating in the police raids and the arrest of the men in the Tai A Chau and Siu A Chau islands in the Sokos group within Hong Kong territorial waters in July.

The raids were carried out in two parties at 4 o'clock on the morning of July 19 under Detective Sub-Inspectors W. H. Summers and Henry Tyler.

The men were alleged to have threatened several fishermen with firearms to compel them to sell their catch to one of the defendants and at the price set by him.

The men charged were Wong Hin-pak, Chan Hop-kuen, Choi Hop-ye, Leung Kai, Lai Wing-choi, Choi Jing-kai, Tung Wong, Chung Hong-cheung, Yeung Kai-hei and Suen Pak.

Mr. P. L. Lam, solicitor, represented the first two defendants. Inspector Tyler stated that on July 19 three men, Chan Yung-fat, Wan Fuk-hei and Fung Kam-chau came to the police headquarters with a letter describing certain oppression in the islands. Subsequently the raids were planned and carried out on the morning of July 19.

Six Rifles

Police Inspector Albert Billingham of Cheung Chau Island, who gave evidence of going to Siu A Chau Island to photograph the hut where the raid was carried out.

Further evidence will be taken this afternoon.

Inaugural Flight Of Canadian Pacific Air Lines

The first airliner of the Canadian Pacific Air Lines to open up a direct service between Hong Kong and Canada, touched down at Kai Tak at 7 o'clock yesterday morning.

She was the Empress of Auckland, one of four Canadair 4 flying boats which will operate a weekly service between Vancouver, B.C. and Hong Kong.

Equipped with pressurised cabins for 36 passengers, and for flying at high altitudes above any bad weather, the Empress boats will provide the last word in air travel comfort.

Flying by the North route, with stops at Anchorage (Alaska), Shemya in the Aleutians, and Tokyo, on the way out, the trip will take only 33½ hours flying time.

Arriving in Hong Kong on Wednesday morning, the weekly plane leaves the next day at 2.30 p.m. reaching Vancouver at 9 a.m. on Friday morning.

The Empress of Auckland brought to Hong Kong yesterday Mr. George Costello, General Agent for Canadian Pacific Steamships in Hong Kong, and Mrs. Costello, and a few other passengers, including Mr. C. H. Fendall, Operations Manager, and Mr. W. V. Riley, Supervisor of Traffic, both CPAL personnel.

The crew of the Empress of Auckland, which was captained by Captain C. Stevenson, commander, Captain M. Lee, acting chief officer, Mr. W. Wicher, navigator, Mr. Robert Phipp, radio operator, and Miss Donnelly, stewardess.

She will leave today with three Chinese passengers, Mr. Jew Fung-lee, Mr. Lee Dor-tung and Mr. Lee Wing-jam, and the Canadian crew members of the aluminium ship, Yu Men, who brought the vessel to Hong Kong for delivery to her new owners.

Mr. J. G. Twist, representative of CPAL in Hong Kong, told the "China Mail" that four Chinese stewardesses had been engaged in Hong Kong, one for each of the four airliners on the service. On each plane there will be one Canadian hostess and one Chinese hostess.

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TREASON TRIAL

KIDNAPPING STORY TOLD BY BRUNETTE

Budapest, September 20. A 31-year-old brunette, Ljubica Ribar, told a Budapest Court today that she had been kidnapped, taken to Belgrade and forced under threat of death to become "a link between the British and the Yugoslavs" in Budapest.

She was a prosecution witness at the trial of Laszlo Rajk, a former Hungarian Foreign Minister, and seven others.

They are charged with treason, espionage and plotting assassination on behalf of foreign imperialist powers.

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Efforts To Check Reds In SE Asia

Washington, September 21. A usually reliable source said today last Saturday's talks between the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and the foreign ministers of Britain and France, Mr. Ernest Bevin and Mr. Robert Schuman, have given certainty that within the next three months the United States will make an important policy declaration designed to contain Communism in South East Asia.

The source said both Mr. Bevin and Mr. Schuman had discussed with the Ambassador at large, Mr. Philip Jessup, who has already given Mr. Acheson a preliminary report on what the United States policy in this area should be. Mr. Jessup was recently made head of the State Department committee to outline a new and more vigorous Far Eastern policy.

The same source said the preliminary report recommended that a high calibre United States citizen should be appointed in charge of the entire new programme. He said one of the men recommended for such a post is the former Under Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett, but Mr. Jessup also is under consideration.

The grand outline of the United States policy, the source said, would be to give as much economic support as possible to genuinely nationalist governments in South East Asia who are:

1. Prepared to contain Communism along their borders.
2. Prepared to develop the economic well-being of local inhabitants enabling an increase of their purchasing power.
3. Willing to do everything they can regarding defence.

United Press.

FRENCH REDS ON WARPATH

Paris, September 20. The Communists opened an attack on Premier Henri Queuille's middle-of-the-road Government today with a demand for an immediate National Assembly debate on the devaluation of the French franc.

The Communist Party Secretary, Jacques Duclos, wrote to the Assembly President, Edouard Herriot, asking that the Assembly's Steering Committee be urgently convened to discuss the recall now of deputies due to return on October 18.

There was also a rumbling on the Right, from Andre Jean Godin, leader of the de Gaulleists, in the National Assembly, who said the Government should recall the Assembly to explain devaluation.—United Press.

PI GUARDS AGAINST ENTRY OF REDS

Manila, September 21. The Foreign Office has instructed Philippine consulates abroad to be on the alert regarding possible attempts of Communists, including Americans, to enter the Philippines, an official spokesman revealed today.

The spokesman said Communist agents were apparently desirous of coming here from the United States and other countries besides China but declined to cite specific cases.

He revealed the Foreign Office had received reports regarding international arms smuggling involving Philippine residents and that these reports have been endorsed to the army and constabulary intelligence.

The constabulary is keenly watching the movements of persons suspected of being international arms smugglers.—United Press.

Turbo-Jet Certified Airworthy

London, September 20. Britain for the first time has certified a turbo-jet propelled aircraft as airworthy for passenger traffic service.

The Vickers-Armstrong Company announced today the certification of its "Viscount," a four-engine production model carrying 32 to 55 passengers.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation confirmed the announcement.

Sir Hew Kilner, Vickers-Armstrong Deputy Chairman, said large-scale production will begin soon and "we hope to have a few Viscounts in service for the public at the end of 1952 or the beginning of 1953."—Associated Press.

Japs To Hang For Atrocities In Philippines

Manila, September 21. A Philippine Military Commission today sentenced 10 former Japanese army men to death by hanging and four to imprisonment at hard labour for cannibalism, torture, rape and other atrocities committed in Bukidnon Province, Mindanao, between September, 1945, and December, 1946.

Three others were acquitted of the same charges because there were no witnesses to identify them.

The atrocities occurred while the Japanese were roaming mountainous Mindanao and evading capture after the war.

Those sentenced to hang are Lieutenant Hajime Sinoda, Corporal Isie Hanada, Sergeant Katsumi Ito, Private Jinsuke Maekawa, Private Takeichi Nakamura, Sergeant Keiji Saito, Corporal Tamotsu Sasaki, Corporal Minekichi Takatori, Corporal Hiroshi Teshima and Private Rikini Yamamoto.

Those sentenced to life imprisonment are Private Kanachi, Corporal Toshio Matsumura, Private Takeshi Sata and Private Chiochi Tsuji. Acquitted were Lieutenant Kazuyoshi Ishimura, Private Kikuo Nakamura and Sergeant Mitsuo Nakashima.

The leader of the group, Lieutenant Kinoda, said he was not satisfied with the death sentence. He said he had changed his plea from not guilty to guilty because he was leader of the group and wanted to take the responsibility. He thought however he would get life imprisonment.

Kinoda, 32-year-old, was a surgeon and graduate of Keio University.—United Press.

ACTRESS' CHILD BORN DEAD

Paris, September 20. The film actress, Linda Christian, wife of the actor, Tyrone Power, suffered still-birth in the American Hospital here on Sunday, it was learned tonight.

A notice issued to the Press said: "The Powers are very sad about the loss of their baby. Mrs. Power is recuperating in Paris."—Reuter.

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Japs Not Wanted At Paris Talks

Manila, September 20. The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Felino Neri, asserted today that the Philippines will firmly oppose any proposal to invite Japanese observers to the UNESCO, (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) general conference now being held in Paris.

The Foreign Office today cabled the Philippines Minister to Italy, Processo Sebastian, who heads the Philippines delegation to the UNESCO conference, instructing him to strenuously oppose the presence of Japanese observers in the UNESCO meeting.

Neri said the instructions to Sebastian reiterate the Philippines' position as a matter of policy.

The Republic is consistently against Japanese participation in international conferences, he said, and added that the Philippines is against Japan playing even minor roles in international affairs prior to the conclusion of the peace treaty.

He pointed out that the Philippines had vigorously opposed Japanese admission to the International Communications Convention held in Geneva earlier this year, the SCAP-sponsored proposal to establish Japanese consulates abroad and the SCAP plans to extend Japanese fishing areas.

Neri emphatically declared: "It is incongruous to have the presence in Paris of representatives of a non-peace-loving nation."

RICHARD DIX DEAD

Hollywood, September 20. The death occurred today in the Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital of Richard Dix, aged 51, famous for his many roles in the films during the last quarter-century.

His wife, Virginia, was at his bedside.

Mr. Dix had been suffering from a chronic heart condition.—United Press.

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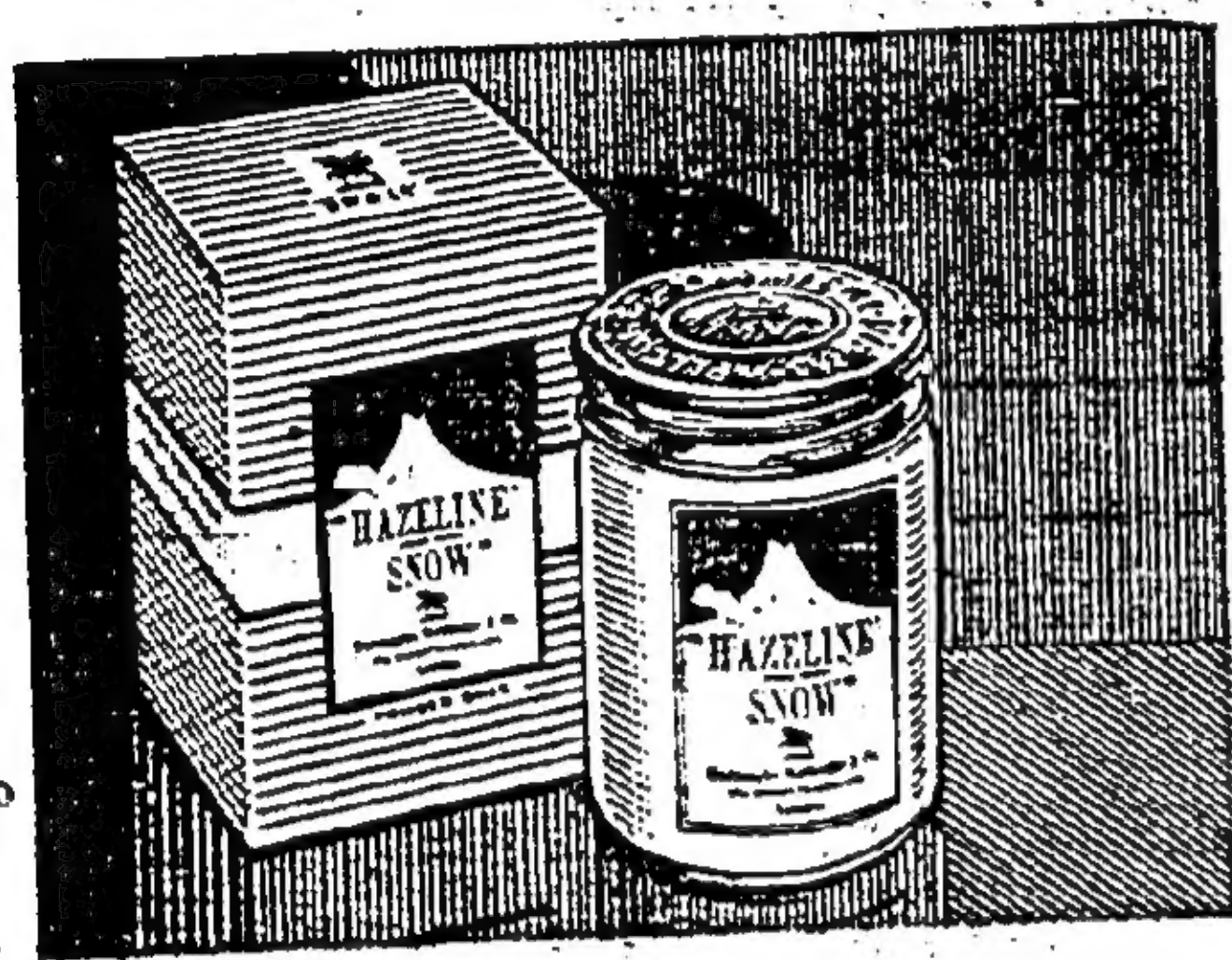
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BRITAIN'S BIG TRADE DEFICIT FOR AUGUST: DOCK STRIKE BLAMED

London, September 20.

Britain's imports exceeded her exports by £58,799,000 in August—an increase of £18,000,000 on July's figures.

Britain's August trade deficit was disclosed by the Board of Trade today.

Exports to the United States were about £3,300,000, approximately one-seventh below the July figure.

The provisional figure for August—£58,799,000—was £1,000,000 and £800,000 lower than the July and April-June average respectively.

The total value of exports in August was £137,100,000, £100,000 less than forecast by Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade.

Imports amounted to £200,000,000. Re-export of imported goods was valued at £4,200,000 (also £100,000 less than Mr. Wilson's figures).

Exports to Argentina continued the recovery begun in June, the provisional August total—£6,100,000 compared with £3,500,000 in July—including an exceptionally high figure for ships.

Blaming Britain's July strike of dock workers for the big gap, the Board of Trade announcement stated that it was probable that the high August import figure was to some extent inflated by the inclusion of supplies which would have been entered in the July figures but for the hold-up in the docks.

British Buying Of Wheat

Inflated exports to South Africa in previous months also made the August figures look

worse than was justifiable, the announcement inferred.

In Washington, Marshall Plan officials told Reuters today that they did not expect devaluation of the Canadian dollar to affect the decision to permit Britain to spend £75,000,000 of her Marshall Plan dollars on Canadian wheat.

The officials said that as a result of the Canadian devaluation this amount of United States dollars would buy approximately 10 per cent more wheat.

In Colombo, Mr. J. R. Jayawardene, Finance Minister of Ceylon, today told Parliament that the Ceylon Government might entirely prohibit private imports from dollar areas.

Though the prices of imports from dollar areas would be increased, Mr. Jayawardene said, the Government was not unduly worried since dollar expenditure would be controlled by existing legislation.

"But," he added, "we may have to prohibit all private imports altogether from dollar areas."

As far as essential capital goods and goods such as medical supplies were concerned, the Government would buy all that was necessary, he said.

Petrol Ration In South Africa

Petrol is to be rationed in South Africa. Announcing this in Pretoria tonight, the Minister for Economic Affairs, Mr. Eric Louw, said that a rationing scheme would come into effect in about two months' time.

Meanwhile, he said, it would be an offence for any person to have more than two gallons in containers.

He added that an increase in the price of petrol following devaluation might tend to reduce consumption, but the Government could not place too much reliance on this possibility.

Petrol was one of South Africa's largest imports last year. Meanwhile, the French Government tonight accused the British of adopting "a devaluation rate tantamount to 'commercial combat'."

The charge was made by the Finance Minister, Mr. Maurice Petsche, as the powerful trade unions demanded the abolition of the Government's wage freeze to protect workers against inflation threats created by devaluation of the franc.

"Combat Rate"

M. Petsche indicated the franc would not have been devalued if the British devaluation had not been so severe.

In an interview with the afternoon newspaper "Le Monde," M. Petsche declared: "The pound had to be devalued, but the rate adopted is a rate of commercial combat which necessitates moves for the defence of the economy and international markets of other countries."

The powerful, non-Communist French Labour Union today demanded that the Government wipe out the wage freeze at once.

Indonesian Red Leader Arrested

Batavia, September 20.

Mohammed Djoni, Communist Party leader in Indonesia, has been arrested on the order of the Republican authorities, according to reliable sources today.

Djoni sponsored the guerrilla Congress which was to take place last week-end at Prabana, East of the Republican capital. The congress was broken up by the Government—United Press.

to protect workers against the threat of higher prices brought about by the devaluation of the franc.

The demand, heralding the first round of the new wage-price battle, was issued by the non-Communist Labour Union workers' force following an extraordinary meeting of its Executive Committee.

Informed Paris quarters believed an even stronger wage demand would be made by the Communist-led General Labour Confederation when its executive meets tomorrow to study the Government's devaluation decree. The Government devalued the franc 27 per cent in relation to the dollar and raised its value 10 per cent in relation to the pound.

Mixed Reaction In America

Editorial reaction in New York to the devaluation of the pound runs right to left from praise to condemnation, but the people who do business with British imports and those who sell to and compete with Britain seem agreed that there are clear limits on how much benefit will result.

The Wall Street Journal remarked that devaluation has loosened the log-jam in international trade and removed reasons for the existence of the maze of export-import controls, currency curbs and all other paraphernalia of controlled economy.

Interpreting devaluation as a defeat for Sir Stafford Cripps and the Labour Government, the Journal sees the hope that it may be difficult for the Labour Government to continue its other policies and concludes: "Certainly, in his defeat he has given the British people their best hope yet of ultimate victory."

The conservative "New York Sun" remarked that the necessity for a policy of "wait and see" is obvious.

The Journal of Commerce said devaluation could prove to be a temporary palliative. It cited Sir Stafford's warning that increased production costs in Britain would nullify the gains of devaluation.

Economic observers in foreign Legations in Moscow agreed today that the Rouble almost certainly will remain the same in relation to the dollar.

Foreign economists, however, also believe that Russia will adjust the exchange rate of the Rouble to the Pound and the currencies of other devaluing countries.

Of this group, Russia has trade agreements with Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Finland. She also does business with India, Australia, New Zealand and Egypt—Reuters, United Press and Associated Press.



South Africa is spending £50,000 on a huge amphitheatre, seating 50,000, overlooking Pretoria, in memory of the Voortrekkers. They were the Dutch pioneers who settled at the Cape in 1652. Photo shows Piet Reijer, Voortrekker hero, standing over the Pretoria landscape. This is one of the four huge statues of Voortrekker leaders at the corners of the monument—Associated Press Photo.

POSITION OF THE YEN CAUSING UNCERTAINTY

Washington, September 20.

World-wide currency devaluations have caused authorities in Washington and Tokyo to launch intense studies of their possible effect on Japanese economy and its rehabilitation.

An atmosphere of uncertainty pervades Army circles here exploring this problem. Officials refuse to comment or indicate its likely outcome.

SA GOLD FIND WAS "SALTED"

Pretoria, September 20.

The South African Government announced today that it was satisfied that the gold content of samples on which the Erdel ED-3 borehole result on June 3 was based were fraudulently increased or salted.

The yield from the borehole—on Erdel Farm, near Odendaarsburg, Orange Free State—had been officially confirmed from these samples at a "fabulously rich" figure, more than twice as any previous find in South Africa.

This official confirmation had given the yield at 56,105 inch pennyweights, or in plain language 529 ounces of gold to one ton of ore in a reef just over five inches wide.

Following the official notice on June 3, shares in the Company holding the option at Erdel and other affected by the find boomed on the Johannesburg market.

A Government statement said today, "No particulars can be divulged at this stage of the facts ascertained during the investigation."

"The Government, however, wishes to give the public its assurance that no stone will be left unturned in its efforts to bring the guilty party or parties to book, and that it will not hesitate to take the strongest possible measures to protect the standing of the persons involved."

"In the meantime, the Government will take steps to minimise the possibility of the publication of false or exaggerated reports of the value of gold ore recovered from prospecting boreholes."

Reuters.

FORMULA FOUND FOR INDONESIA

The Hague, September 20.

Agreement has been reached in substance on the form of a Netherlands-Indonesian Union, the Republican Premier, Mohammed Hatta, announced today.

Dr. Hatta, as current chairman of the round table conference Steering Committee, told a hastily called press conference that the principles agreed upon are now being drafted in formal terms and are being discussed among the delegations.

As outlined by the Nationalist leader, the union would include a conference of Dutch and Indonesian Ministers meeting regularly, whose decisions would be subject to ratification by the Dutch and Indonesian Parliaments.

He said there would also be contact between members of both Parliaments.

The union would also include a court of arbitration to decide disputes.

It would be made up of an equal number of Dutch and Indonesians. It would act by majority vote and, in case of a tie, would be empowered to call in a neutral person to break the tie.

Dr. Hatta said the International Court of Justice has been discussed in this connection but it had not yet been decided whether the Court would be specifically mentioned in the statute.

The status of the Netherlands crown still is under discussion, Dr. Hatta said.

This was the first announcement of an agreement of any importance subject in the four weeks' old round table conference aimed at arranging the terms for independence for the 70,000,000 people of Indonesia.

Dr. Hatta said that the Steering Committee had decided on measures to speed up the work in other fields.

This week, he said, the heads of the financial and economic committees will be asked to report to the Steering Committee on progress made on remaining differences.

Obviously in an optimistic mood, he declared that more progress is made every day.

When asked whether the conference could still be expected to conclude in two months, he said: "I hope it will be finished even earlier."—Associated Press.

Toronto, September 20. The known death toll in the Normandy disaster rose to 125 today when the remains of five more persons were recovered, the coroner announced.—United Press.

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Professor John Desmond Bernal, 48 (right) is seen with the Dean of Canterbury, Dr. Hewlett Johnson, at a press conference called by the British Peace Committee in London. The conference was to clarify the position arising out of Professor Bernal's speech at the conference of the Soviet Partisans for Peace in Moscow at which he said: "In capitalist countries the direction of science is in the hands of those who hate Peace, whose only aim is to destroy and torture people to that their own profits may be secured for some years longer." His speech led to denunciations of his re-election to the Council of the British Association, Society of Scientists which numbers Britain's greatest thinkers among its members. Bernal told the press conference that he blamed "the monopolists" who directed science, chiefly in the U.S. and Britain, and not the scientists themselves. He declared that he would make further similar speeches at the British "Peace" Conference next month. (AP Photo).

TUC SPLIT FEARED OVER DEVALUATION

London, September 20.

BRITISH TOURISTS STRANDED

British tourists still baffled by the currency changes following devaluation, thronged travel agencies and banks in the European capitals again today in the hope of cashing travellers' cheques.

Those in Brussels found no foreign currency transactions were being dealt with for another 24 hours.

Holiday-makers in Switzerland were able to change their cheques, but had to take the best offered because no official figure had been fixed.

In France tourists at least know how they stood—but overnight the French Government's exchange position had knocked off 12½ per cent from the value of their travellers' cheques.

Stranded Britons due to leave Belgium today were left in enough francs by the British Consulate to pay their hotel bills.

Touts circulating the hotels offered 120 Belgian francs for a Pound note, compared to the expected official rate of 122.72 francs.

One Party of tourists who arrived in Geneva yesterday almost immediately left their hotel and went to France, where the cost of living is considerably lower than in Switzerland.

Tourists in France who did not draw the 10,000 francs allowed them by the Government as an emergency measure yesterday were still allowed to cash £9 at the old rate today.

The new rate of 980 francs to the Pound, compared with the old rate of 1,037, made a big cut overnight in the value of the remainder of their travellers' cheques.—Reuter.

Nehru On The Rupee

New Delhi, September 20. The Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, in a broadcast tonight to the Indian people on the devaluation of the rupee, said that there was no reason to apprehend a rise in the cost of living.

"Indeed, we cannot afford any further rise in the internal prices of our basic commodities," he said. "The tendency on the part of these prices to rise will have to be countered by the exercise of regulatory public authority," Pandit Nehru said.

Mr. Nehru said the Government would continue their endeavour to bring down present prices to a more reasonable level by encouraging increased production by the nationalisation of production, he continued.

Mr. Nehru said that India's taking action on the dollar value of the rupee was a matter of free choice.

"It was not our dollar difficulties or any sudden emergency that compelled us to take that action. It was not because of any pressure by the British Government."

But Mr. Nehru said, "free choice" was often governed by circumstances and India had to take this new circumstance of devaluation of the Pound into account.

"If we had not taken parallel action in revising the dollar-rupee ratio, the prices of our goods in our principal export countries would have risen immediately and that would have affected our trade interests and all those engaged in production work in our country," he concluded.—Reuter.

The leaders of the eight-million strong Trades Union Congress decided at an emergency meeting tonight to reserve judgment on the Government's devaluation of the Pound.

Observers were surprised at the decision, which they thought indicated fears among the trade union leaders that they will have difficulty in holding their members in support of the Government's policy.

It had been confidently predicted that the TUC leaders would hold a brief meeting, announce their support in general terms of the Government's action, and adjourn while further information was obtained from the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps.

Instead, the Council had one of its longest post-war discussions, and afterwards issued an official statement which merely stated: "The General Council are satisfied that the grave step of devaluation would not have been taken by the Government without a careful assessment of all factors involved, but lacking fuller information about all these factors, the General Council could not pass judgment on the necessity of devaluation."

"The leaders of the TUC are to have an early meeting—on economic matters with Sir Stafford and after that a special committee of the TUC will make a more detailed examination of the questions raised in today's discussions," the statement added.

"When the committee has reached its conclusions, the TUC leaders will seek further meetings with members of the Government."

Snags Ahead?

The general tone of the statement tonight was interpreted here as indicating that the Trades Union Congress may find it difficult to give its unconditional approval to the Government's new economic policy.

It is believed that leaders of several big unions which have wage claims pending said at tonight's meeting that they foresaw great difficulty in holding their members in check. Meanwhile, as midnight struck crane drivers and other dockers belonging to the National Union of Railwaymen, who are protesting against the rejection of their claims for increased wages, stepped work at Southampton.

This move was synchronised with that of 50,000 railwaymen in the London area, whose "go slow" was also scheduled to begin at midnight.

The passengers and baggage from the Queen Mary, which docked at Southampton, from New York last night, were not held up. The Southampton NUR dockers would normally have carried on until the baggage had been cleared, but men from the Transport and General Workers Union worked throughout the night and by 9.00 a.m. today all the light baggage had been unloaded.

The Union Executive will consider the position at a meeting in London today.

They have already circulated all branches asking for no action to be taken over the rejection of the claim for a wage increase until after National Delegates' Conference to be held next week.—Reuter.

PRIETO ILL

San Sebastian, September 20. The exiled Spanish Socialist leader, Senor Indalecio Prieto, is dangerously ill, according to reports received here from France. Senor Prieto, who is 68, received the Last Sacraments yesterday. He was the Republican Minister of Defence in the Spanish civil war.—Reuter.

CURRENCY POSITION BEGINS TO CLARIFY AFTER DEVALUATION

London, September 20.

The world currency picture, clouded and confused by Britain's devaluation of Sterling, clarified further today.

Holland became the 17th nation to slash her money and several other currencies hovered uncertainly.

In addition to Britain, the countries now in the "devaluation bloc" are: Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, India, Ceylon, Eire, Canada, France, Iceland, Egypt, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Israel, Burma and Holland.

Among those expected to devalue shortly are the West German mark.

Still uncertain are the Argentine and Chilean pesos, the Spanish peseta and the Portuguese escudo.

Reports from world centres said:

Paris: In the black market the Pound was quoted above the official rate today for the first time for several months—1,010 francs compared with the new rate of 980.

The new franc-dollar rate, announced last night at 350 francs to the dollar, was quoted at this figure in the Paris Foreign Exchange Market at a specially early meeting today.

The new official rates for Sterling and other unconvertible currencies will be announced by the Bank of France later today.

No Ceiling

It was officially announced overnight that the Council of Ministers had decided to fix the exchange rate in the neighbourhood of 350 francs to the dollar, corresponding to 980 francs to the Pound.

When the Market opened this morning the new rate of 350 was inscribed on the blackboard. No bargaining preceded the fixation of the new rate.

Last night the Government spokesman, M. Francois Mitterand, let it be understood that the 350 represented the top ceiling, above which the French finance authorities did not propose to let the franc-dollar rate go for the moment, although events may force their hand in due course.

The "free" Foreign Exchange Market in Paris is virtually controlled by the Government through the Bank of France.

In unofficial or black market dealings in dollars yesterday buyers were offering 380 francs for the dollar. Today's unofficial rates are not yet known.

The Hague: Holland came into line with Sterling today when the guilder was devalued to 380 per dollar from 2.65 per dollar.

Luxembourg: It was said that the Luxembourg franc—which is tied to the Belgian franc—would "in all probability" be devalued.

Sonn: The Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, telling the Bundestag that the Western-mark would presumably be devalued, said that the measure would be regretted because the internal stability of the mark gave no occasion whatever for manipulations of this kind.

Vienma: The Austrian Cabinet today unanimously decided not to devalue the schilling.

Tokyo: The Japanese yen will be maintained at its present rate of 360 to the dollar and revalued in relation to Sterling.

The Japanese Ministry of Trade and Industry announced the immediate formation of an industrial "Rationalisation" Council which economic circles believe will re-organise production to meet the bitter competition expected from British goods.

Warsaw: New exchange rates are to be introduced in Poland to correspond with the new values of recently-devalued foreign currencies, the Polish Finance Minister, Konstantin Dombrowski, announced.

The Polish National Bank and other exchange banks have been instructed to buy British Pounds at the rate of 1,117 zloty to the Pound as against the pre-devaluation rate of 1,000 zloty. The new selling price for the Pound is to be 1,123 zloty instead of 1,616. It added that the rates of exchange for other re-valued currencies would also be correspondingly reduced.

Washington: Greece today devalued the drachma to 15,000 to the dollar and 42,000 to the Pound Sterling, the International Monetary Fund announced.

The drachma has had no fixed value and does not acquire an official par value by today's step.

Previously the affecting rate was 10,000 drachmas to the dollar and 22,000 to the Pound.

Botavia Move

Batavia: The Indonesian guilder was devalued today along with the Dutch guilder at a rate of 3.8 from 2.65 to the dollar, a reduction of 35 per cent.

The devaluation brings the guilder proportionately into line with the devalued Pound Sterling.

One of the first effects of the devaluation is that rubber exporters will no longer be required to sell half their production to hard currency areas.

Tehran: Persia has revised the Pound Sterling rate from 129 rials to 89 rials 40 dinars. It was officially announced today.

Brazil Won't Devalue

Rio De Janeiro: The Minister of the Treasury, Senhor G. Silveira, and the President of the House of Representatives, Senhor Souza Costa, declared today: "There will be no devaluation of the cruzeiro."

Senhor Souza Costa's statement came after a long conference with the President of the Bank of Brazil.

Prague: The Czech Finance Minister, Jaroslav Kabes, told a Cabinet meeting today that the Czechoslovak crown remained unaffected by the devaluation of Sterling.

"Our currency is firm and will remain so," he said.

A new exchange rate for Sterling of 139.5 crowns against the previous 200 was announced yesterday by the Czech National Bank.—Reuter and United Press.

Pakistan Not To Devalue

Karachi, September 20. The Pakistan Government decided tonight not to devalue the Pakistan rupee in relation to the United States dollar.

The decision was taken at a five-hour Cabinet meeting. Pakistan is thus the only Commonwealth nation not to devalue her currency after the Pound Sterling. All the other Dominions, including Pakistan's neighbours, India and Ceylon, followed Britain's lead.

The State Bank of Pakistan tonight announced the following new exchange rates for the Pakistan rupee:

One Rupee—25.5d.
Pound Sterling— 9.266 rupees
100 Rupees—144 Indian rupees
100 Indian Rupees—69.50 Pakistan rupees.—Reuter.

Workers Idle In America

New York, September 20. More than half a million workers in the United States were idle today as a result of the coal strike. Some 480,000 miners ceased work as a result of their "No Pensions, No Work" decision, and in addition coal-carrying railways laid off 27,000 employees.

The reason for the coal strike is that pensions to miners over 60 have been stopped because the coal operators refuse to pay royalties to the Fund from which the pensions are drawn.

The million members of the United Steel Workers' Union have threatened to strike at midnight on Saturday unless the steel industry agrees to accept a pension-insurance plan which was recommended by a Presidential fact-finding board.

There was no development today in the United Auto Workers' Union's threat to call a strike of Ford Motor Company employees on September 29 to demand company-financed pensions.

If the threat is implemented, 115,000 Ford employees and tens of thousands of workers in parts supplying companies will be made idle.—Reuter.

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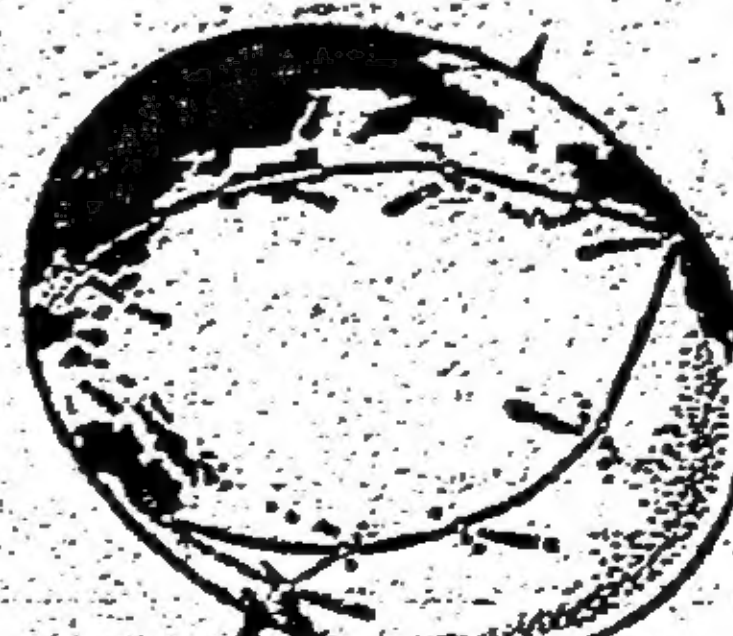
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DEATH

SILVA—Jorge A. B. da Silva at
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on
13th. September 1949. Macao,
Manila and Singapore papers
please copy.

FAR AWAY

The interest of Britain—or
any colonial power—in the
distant lands under her con-
trol varies on a rather chang-
ing emotional scale. Let the
Chinese Communists cross the
Yangtze in April and have
seemingly nothing but geo-
graphical distance to conquer
before reaching Hong Kong's
border; let a naval sloop
make a magnificent dash for
freedom—and Imperial res-
ponsibilities are on the front
page and vociferously debat-
ed in Parliament.

But if the scene is not high-
lighted by sensational news,
the immediate preoccupation
of home news pushes the
Colonial scene inevitably into
the background. Of course the
permanent civil servants are
plodding along exchanging
memos, but the people who
get things done have had
their attention temporarily
distracted. That is happen-
ing now as regards Hong
Kong.

The general feeling in in-
formed U.K. circles is that
nothing much will happen
here for many months to
come. The Reds will prob-
ably take over Canton and
be virtual rulers of China, but
they are not expected to
make a frontal attack on us,
and even if they do, we are
well protected by potentially
front-line troops.

Sufficient of these have
been sent out to ease the most
finicky conscience; in point
of fact other vital parts of
the Commonwealth have been
denuded for our benefit—and
what more is there to do?

Then—in Britain—there has
been the dock strike, threats
of other stoppages, worry
about the dollar gap, and now
devaluation, all focussing at-
tention on burning problems
near at hand. The tricky ques-
tion of Hong Kong's essential
relations with China is, per-
haps understandably, relegated
to the background, al-
though to us it is of para-
mount importance.

The theory may prove un-
palatable to more socially and
politically-conscious states
such as Britain, but as we
have emphasised more than
once, the traders of this Col-
ony feel that perforce they
have no identification with or
responsibility for particular
ideologies, as long as they
can continue to do busi-
ness profitably and with a
minimum of restrictions.
They are only too ready to
have two-way traffic with
Communist China (whether this
helps Moscow or not, they
consider, is not their
concern) and they only wish
that Mao Tse-tung's regime
had the same outlook.

The "China Mail" has, how-
ever, warned for many
months that the new rulers
of China were unlikely to
have the same ideas, and
events have proved this be-
lieve true. Our godowns are so
overcrowded that other stor-
age arrangements are having
to be made, but the hopes that
when "peace" is established
the goods can profitably be
sold to China are based on
slight foundation, despite that
country's great need of them.

It seems reasonably certain
that no attack will be made
openly on Hong Kong, but
even that is uncertain. Al-
though no high level con-
firmation can be obtained, it
seems that a fairly close liai-
son is being formed between
Britain and America over the

(Exclusive to the "China Mail")
A new attempt is being made
to bring to an end the struggle
between India and Pakistan for
the possession of a large but
sparsely inhabited country called
Kashmir. Their cold war has
lasted two years, ever since both
Dominions became independent.
It has caused them to spend on
their armies the revenues which
they should have been using for
their economic build up. It has
brought them to the brink of war
with one another.

In the actual territory of
Kashmir, Indian troops and Paki-
stan troops have been fighting
one another. Since last January
there has been a "cease-fire" but
it is precarious. It has been one
of the most peculiar combats of
modern times. Neither India nor
Pakistan wanted full-blooded war
between the Dominions.

The Dying Class

By "WINDRUSH"

(Exclusive to the "China Mail")

The British Empire in the
nineteenth century was built by
the British middle class. From
the middle class came the traders,
the soldiers, the administrators.
It was the energy of the middle
class which drove British in-
fluence and the English language
round the world. The ideas for
which Britain stood—commerce,
law, peace, anti-militarism—
were the ideas of the middle
class.

Today in England this class in
the last 10 years has suffered such
a series of blows that it is being
widely asked whether it can sur-
vive. And if the middle class is
swallowed up so that it loses its
identity and becomes a part of
the working class, what will be
the effect on England as a whole?

The threat to the middle class
comes chiefly from the very high
taxation. There has been a
peaceful social revolution in
England since the outbreak of
the second world war. The na-
tional income is now so divided
that the bulk of the middle class
is on a standard of living not
much higher than that of the
poor.

The centre of political power
has also moved. Today it is or-
ganised labour which is con-
scious that through the trade
unions it has the most powerful
voice of all in the political life
of the country.

The consequences are brilliant-
ly described in an article by Miss
Honour Croome in the current
number of "Lloyd's Bank Re-
view." She writes: "The one-
class society takes as its canon
a given set of class standards and
aims at improving these on its
entire membership, deploring,
discouraging, and if possible, pro-
hibiting any divergence from the
norm of the chosen class."

The Urban Class

"The chosen class in this coun-
try is, of course, the urban artis-
an class. What this class likes (or
thinks it ought to like) all may
legitimately strive for. What it
ignores, or finds unnecessary or
objectionable, none may legiti-

territorial integrity of the
Colony—if nothing else. An
American officer is already
attached to General Festing's
staff. Mr. Malcolm Macdonald
has talked with General
MacArthur in Tokyo and
other indications have been
available. But on the whole
it is still a British problem.

Our garrison reinforcements
and emergency mea-
sures have been castigated
by the Peiping radio as pro-
vocative gestures inimical to
Chinese interests, but by and
large they were essential
measures, the neglect of
which could have led to justifi-
able recriminations when it
was too late.

The various steps taken
have also been bitterly at-
tacked by the vociferous local
Communist and fellow-travel-
er newspapers, the lowest
dregs of the West's proud
Fourth Estate. They have
simply copied the Party line,
but with a freedom which
their own political organisa-
tion would never permit.
They have several times
overstepped the limits of fair
comment, but apart from one
mild reprimand, have been
left alone by the Hong Kong
government.

Believing deeply as we do
in the freedom of the Press,
we nevertheless repeat our
opinion that to allow this
poison to drip constantly into
the minds of the masses here
is more foolish, and may yet
be regretted. Hong Kong does
not wish to interfere in
China's politics, even her
civil war, and most emphati-
cally does not intend to harm
her nationals, but put own
safety and well-being are at
stake, and unless the U.K.
and Hong Kong government
take a really firm stand on
their own interests, the future
will be dark indeed.

They were careful on both sides
to limit their hostilities to
Kashmir itself.

Thus it has been a war fought
strictly according to rules. Often
the commander on one side has
informed the commander on the
other of his military intentions,
in order to make sure that these
would not provoke retaliation
which might lead to the "war"
getting out of control. But the
conventions may break down.

As long as the conflict lasts,
the forces of instability are in-
creased in all Asia. The Indian
peninsula is the geographical
centre of South Asia. When
there is a strong and stable power
there, stability radiates over all

this South of the continent. One
of the best hopes for peace in
Asia today is that the govern-
ments of India and Pakistan will
jointly carry on the tranquillising
mission formerly discharged by
the Government of India when it
was the British Raj. But in-
stead of co-operating, these two
countries are reading one another.
Instead of turning their attention
outwards they are obsessed with
their domestic discord.

For the last 20 months a Com-
mission of the United Nations has
been trying to bring together the
two parties in the dispute. A
little while ago it seemed that it
would succeed, just as a similar
UN Commission has succeeded in
Indonesia, after long haggling.
Last January it brought about
the cease-fire in Kashmir be-
tween the forces of India and
Pakistan. This was to be fol-
lowed by a plebiscite in Kashmir
to determine whether it should be-
long to India or Pakistan.

Unhappily the negotiations for
the cease-fire have broken down.
The story of the failure is an
ironical one. In its persevering
efforts to make both sides agree,
the United Nations Commission
had allowed itself to give con-
tradictory explanations to both
sides of what was intended in
the truce arrangements.

Even if this had not happened,
the stubbornness of both India and
Pakistan would probably have
jeopardised the truce plans. The
United Nations Commission has
now proposed that the differences
between India and Pakistan over
the terms of the truce should be
referred to the arbitration of Ad-
miral Nimitz, who has already
been selected as administrator
for the eventual plebiscite.

To support this proposal, Presi-
dent Truman and Mr. Acheson
telegraphed to the prime ministers
of India and Pakistan urging
them to accept. Pakistan has
done so. India, to everybody's
regret, has declined to accept,
except on terms which prejudice
the whole issue of the arbitra-
tion.

Mr. Acheson is being attacked by
Indian newspapers for interfering
in a matter which did not
concern him. This is very un-
fair. All he and President Tru-
man has done is to back "a
United Nations proposal which
seemed to offer the best hope of
ending a conflict where dangers
are so apparent."

Why are India and Pakistan so
obstinate in continuing the strug-
gle?

Pakistan argues that the great
majority of the people in Kashmir
are Moslems. It is true that in
1947 Kashmir applied to join the
Indian Union. But the applica-
tion was made by its Hindu Ma-
harajah. Though its present
prime minister is a Moslem and
the leader of a Moslem party
which wants union with India,
Pakistan claims that there are
Quislings. The majority of the
population, says Pakistan, are
for their Moslem brothers in Paki-
stan.

Pakistan is also vitally inter-
ested in Kashmir because the rivers
flow through it on which Paki-
stan's irrigation is based. If
Kashmir becomes part of India,
India could divert these rivers.
India is interested in Kashmir
for economic reasons and for
defence. Kashmir is a border area;
with frontiers with China and
Afghanistan. It is within 12
miles of Russian territory. Hence
its strategic importance.

KASHMIR EFFORTS FAILURE

Srinagar, September 20.
The United Nations Com-
mission's efforts to resolve the
Kashmir problem have reached
a dead end, according to in-
formed circles here.

With the Commission's an-
nouncement today that it had
decided to report to the Security
Council on the Kashmir issue,
the Commission's task of media-
tion could be said to be over,
and it was now up to the Security
Council to decide the next course
of action, according to these
quarters.

The Commission's announce-
ment said: "Pakistan has agreed
to the course of action outlined
in the Commission's memorandum
on arbitration which was sub-
mitted to the two Governments
(India and Pakistan) on August
29 and 30, while India has found
itself unable to accept it."
The course of action suggested in that
memorandum.

"The Commission has notified
the two Governments that, in
these circumstances, it has decided,
under its terms of reference, to
report to the Security Council
on its action in the sub-continent
since its last interim report."

The Commission's departure
will in no way affect the cease-
fire demarcation line in Kashmir.
It was officially learned at
Srinagar that the Security Council
will be asked to watch the situation
here till the Security Council has
discussed the Kashmir
issue, and has taken a final
decision on its next move.

The Commission itself did not
say that its mission had failed,
but that it would report to the
Security Council. The Commis-
sion will leave Srinagar in a
week's time on its way to Geneva.
—Reuter.

of the law in claiming that
Kashmir did accede formally to
India. It alleges that its invasion
by Pakistan troops is an invasion
of India and an offence against
international law.

"The rights and wrongs are com-
plicated. If Pakistan troops en-
tered Kashmir they did so be-
cause a part of the population
had succeeded in setting up a
pro-Pakistan government, and
welcomed them in. One thing is
certain. If there is to be a satis-
factory settlement, it must be a
compromise. Probably the best
solution would be partition. A
part of Kashmir—called Jammu
—is now populated chiefly by
Hindus and Sikhs, the Moslems
having fled. This, with one area
excepted, might go to India.
Probably the rest of Kashmir
would, in a plebiscite, vote in
favour of Pakistan."

Communists Destroy Socialism

By DAVID
LAIDLAW

It is the Kremlin's aim to
encircle the USSR with satellite
states controlled by Moscow;
and, with a Soviet army in one
of these countries or on its
borders, its domination is not
difficult.

As soon as the Communist
Party is able to obtain key posts
in the government the process of
destruction begins. The post-war
coalition governments in Eastern
Europe originally included
Socialists and members of various
political parties including some
of the Right, as well as Com-
munists.

The economic suppression of
capitalists and the political sup-
pression of Socialists has kept
pace with Communist expansion
in every country taken over by
Russian agents.

Most of the European peoples
were opposed at the end of the
Second World War to either
Fascist or Communist dicta-
torship; yet within four years the
governments of Poland, Czechoslo-
vakia, Hungary, Rumania and
Bulgaria had become Communist
by compulsion. Russian armies
marched in, "liberating" Poland
and Czechoslovakia, and conquer-
ing Hungary, Rumania and
Bulgaria.

Purges Precede Polish Merger

Poland gave little trouble.
The Lublin Committee, trained
and organised in Moscow, was
installed in place of the one which
had existed in London since 1940.
A so-called "Socialist" party was
formed under the control of Com-
munist stooge Cyrankiewicz. The
genuine Polish Socialist Party re-
mained illegal.

Though the Soviet-Polish pro-
visional government was Com-
munist, the Communist Party in
Poland was very much under the
thumb of the Russians, and as
late as 1947 the rank and file even
of the pseudo-"Socialist" Party
were opposed to fusion with the
Communists; but, after a series of
purges, the Kremlin compelled a
merger. Puzak, the veteran
Socialist leader, and many of his
colleagues were thrown into
prison in 1948, and the Socialists
knew that they had been bet-
rayed.

Bulgaria And Rumania

In Bulgaria and Rumania this
was the fate of the Socialist
parties.

Fake congresses of Communist
stooges took over the Socialist
parties, with their funds and
papers. Under British and
American pressure the true
parties were allowed to re-
organise and publish their own
papers; the fake parties continued
separately. The true parties
were gradually suppressed.
Their leaders were framed. The
intrepid Socialist leaders, Lulchev
in Bulgaria and Petrescu in
Rumania were given long jail
sentences. Then the fake party
was merged with the Communist
Party.

Russia Swallows Czechoslovakia

In Czechoslovakia the Com-
munists had succeeded in plac-
ing their sympathisers in control
of the Socialist party machine.
Although the true Socialists had
succeeded in partially ousting the
more obnoxious of the Kremlin
agents, the Moscow men still had
enough power to betray the
Socialist party in 1948, when the
Communist Party seized State
power.

The seizure of power was con-
summated in February 1949.
What immediately provoked the
refusal of the Communist Min-
ister of the Interior to obey
the Cabinet's order to re-
move certain Communist police-
men. The other parties resisted
the Communist consolidation of
political power.

But the Communists controlled
the military police, and were
by then too powerful to be ousted.
Across the border was a power-
ful Soviet army.

Thus the country which the
rest of the world regarded as the
most highly developed State of
Eastern Europe came under the
Soviet hammer, and the remnants
of the Socialists likely to oppose
Communism soon fell to the
sickle.



"General weakness of monarch
of Sweden."
Couldn't he borrow some spare
ones from the Nationalists?

"Cripps optimistic over de-
valuation, sees increase in ex-
ports."
Probably used his telescope.

According to our printers,
Cripps said "that foreign buyers
need not need any further cut
in the Pound."
Probably right, at that.

An overseas convict has made
an imitation saxophone only two
inches long, but playable.
It produces tiny counterfeit
notes.

Diagnosis.
My sister suffers from neurosis.
What'll happen goodness
knows.
The last time she insulted her
doctor.
He sector.

"Charles drew blood from the
mouth of his less experienced op-
ponent."
Never mind; with a little more
practice, he'll be able to draw
blood too.

A collector who recently died
left more than a thousand clocks.
His estate, I am told, will take
some time to wind up.

Our club cynic says that one
advantage of a long engagement
is that it means a shorter mar-
riage.

Myrtle thinks that when you're
estranged, you have to hide your
head in the sand.

"Thanks to the efficient work
of the fire brigade, no maternal
damage was done in the district,
and no one was hurt."
Fathers don't count!

Our club cynic always keeps
to the same routine: wine, wo-
men and slang.

So I'm told.
The Bengal tiger, fat and sleek,
is tired of playing hide and
seek.
I'm sure he'd feel a good deal
prouder
if he occupied the howdah.

Myrtle's grandfather says there
are three types of woman: the
intelligent, the beautiful—and
the majority.

Marshall On China

New York, September 20.
The former Secretary of State,
Mr. George Marshall, said today:
"It has become increasingly clear
that the basic problems confront-
ing the Chinese people cannot be
resolved through external aid."

Writing in the current Annual
Survey of the United States in
world Affairs, sponsored by the
Council on Foreign Relations, the
former special representative to
China said evidence that the
Americans favoured an affir-
mative policy in foreign relations
in general gave ground for
optimism concerning the future.
Major foreign policy decisions
taken during 1948 in the De-
mocratic President and Republi-
can Congress constituted a bril-
liant demonstration of the ability
of the American people to meet
the great responsibilities of their
new world position of leadership.
—United Press.

DEATH OF A FORMER CJ

London, September 20.
Sir William Carr, former Chief
Justice of the High Court of
Rangoon, Burma, has died in
London. He was 77.
Sir William entered the Indian
Civil Service in 1893. He be-
came judge of the small causes
court in Mandalay in 1905 and
Judge of the High Court in 1924.
He retired in 1932.—As-
sociated Press.

Parliament Meeting Next Week

London, September 20.
Members of Parliament to-
day expected that Parliament
would be recalled for two days
next week to discuss the de-
valuation of the pound. The
Government is already con-
sidering the recall, following a
request to the Prime Minis-
ter, Mr. Clement Attlee, by the
Conservative leader, Mr.
Winston Churchill, and the
Liberal leader, Mr. Clement
Davies.

A decision may be deferred
until Mr. Attlee has an op-
portunity to discuss the mat-
ter with the Deputy Prime
Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison,
leader of the House of
Commons, who is due in
London from his holiday in
France tomorrow night.

The Cabinet plans to meet
this week to discuss the
Washington dollar sterling
conference results and de-
valuation.—Reuter.

ANXIETY INCREASING AS AN AFTERMATH OF DEVALUATION

Rush For Gold Repeated

London, September 20. Today's frenzied scenes in the London Stock Exchange were paralleled in Johannesburg and Sydney, where buyers clamoured to buy gold shares from reluctant sellers.

Fashionably-dressed women, scribbling notes on cigarette packets, dashed in and out of brokers' offices as gold shares on the Exchange leapt upwards. Nine-tenths of the would-be buyers were disappointed.

In Sydney, 20,000 shares in 18 different gold companies changed hands, with demand growing as news came in from abroad. The Stockholm Exchange also had a boom.

Top-hatted brokers jostled with hundreds of clerks on the crowded London Stock Exchange floor today in the City's largest "gold rush" since Britain went off the Gold Standard.

Gold shares rose an average of five shillings in as many hours when the Exchange doors opened after yesterday's holiday that followed the British Government's devaluation of the Pound Sterling.

At 3 p.m. they were closing firmly at rates which sustained the five shilling increase.

Gold shares on the Johannesburg Exchange increased in value by £80,500,000 in dealings today.

The Bank of England confirmed today that the new gold parity is 250 shillings per ounce.

A spokesman explained that after devaluation the Bank estimates that £12:10:00 have the same value as an ounce of gold.

The rate was fixed in accordance with the new dollar-pound rate—Twelve pounds 10 shillings now equals 35 dollars.

The Bank said this does not mean that it will pay 250 shillings for an ounce of gold. Actually it will pay only 248 shillings. The difference of two shillings covers the costs the Bank entails in assessing gold and making its purchases.

In selling gold to the U.S., the Bank will collect in dollars at the prevailing rate of \$35 to an ounce.—Reuter and Associated Press.

BUSY DAY ON SYDNEY CHANGE

Sydney, September 20. Over 20,000 shares in 18 different gold companies changed hands on the Sydney Stock Exchange this morning, with the demand intensifying as news of rises in gold shares overseas came in.

Greater buoyancy was also reported in the investment market generally.—Reuter.

Batavia, September 20. The Foreign Exchange Institute of Indonesia announced tonight that 70 per cent of foreign exporters to Singapore may in future be retained by exporters operating from East Sumatra ports where banks have no branches.—Reuter.

Tough Struggle Ahead Of Attlee Cabinet

UNREST ON LABOUR FRONT

London, September 20.

The snowballing impact of the cut in the dollar value of the Pound caused increasing anxiety in Britain today.

The Labour Government began closing its ranks for the fight of its life. Worker unrest, which had been smouldering for months, intensified against the wage freeze policy of the Attlee Government.

The normally staid and sober air of the London Stock Exchange dissolved into frenzy as prices of stocks and bonds swirled toward devaluation levels.

Quotations of some gold shares were nearly triple the official exchange closing price of Friday. Oil, rubber and tin shares followed the trend.

The Cabinet is reliably reported to be planning an emergency session of Parliament, now adjourned.

This has been demanded by the opposition leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, for a full-dress airing of the whole situation.

Both the House of Lords and the House of Commons are expected to be reconvened today, probably for about three days.

The Government is expected to put out a three-line whip, the most urgent possible Party call for attendance and voting support by its members in Parliament.

Labour Revolt?

There was some speculation that Mr. Churchill may propose a motion of censure. It is unlikely to be carried unless large sections of the Labour Party rebel or abstain from voting.

But the danger is there. Large sections of Labour rank and file are fretful over devaluation's promise of higher costs of living and the Government's wage policy.

If the Government should be defeated on such a motion, tradition calls for a new general election. In the confusion and resentment which have been the first reaction to the cheapening of the Pound, a general election is the last thing the Government wants now.

The British Press Association said the Cabinet will probably meet on Thursday to decide on its strategy. Meanwhile, a spreading slowdown broke out among workers on the State-owned railways who are demanding weekly pay rises of 10 shillings.

Revealing Figures

Workers in the London area, 100,000 strong, have voted to put the slowdown into full effect at midnight on Wednesday, clogging the London transport system.

They hope that another 50,000 elsewhere in the British Isles will follow suit. In some parts of the country workers jumped the gun on Monday and today.

The Board of Trade issued final figures today for the month of August, which showed how badly British sales to America had fallen off before the decision to devalue was reached.

Exports to the United States totalled £3,300,000, some £500,000 less than in July. Sales to Canada were £5,700,000, off £1,000,000. The Board of Trade advised British exporters today that it has no objection to their raising prices if they have an assured dollar market. "It may well be appropriate

for a number of exporters to raise their prices in terms of Sterling so as to earn something like the same amount as previously," a Board statement said.

Word Of Caution

It cautioned, however, "In certain ranges of goods, competitive conditions in North America will require reductions in dollar prices, especially where reductions in the dollar price of Sterling area raw materials leads to lower manufacturing costs in North America."

Scotch whisky, which commands a ready sale in the United States, is one of the exports whose price in Pounds is expected to rise.

About the only good news for the average Briton in the field of devaluation was the word that Canada is devaluing its dollar. This means that the price of a pound and a half loaf of bread may go up by only a penny.

The Labour Government originally estimated that the increase would raise the loaf from four pence halfpenny to six pence, an increase of three halfpence.

Most of the nation's wheat comes from Canada and since that country is now cutting its dollar by 10 per cent, the price of wheat will not go up as much as had been expected in terms of the devalued Pound.

Cut In Prices

The Government showed signs tonight of making big efforts to stop the cost of living from soaring after devaluation.

It was authoritatively learned new price reductions in certain ranges of goods will be made. The prices of certain goods, mainly clothing, are already due to fall five per cent from next Monday because of a Board of Trade decision taken before devaluation was decided.

It is probable that this five per cent cut will be extended to include many household goods.

It was also disclosed today that the Prime Minister had ordered big cuts to be made in the expense of running all Government departments this year.

Retrenchment All-Round

The Prime Minister's order supplements a recent Treasury call to all departments to cut next year's budget estimates so as to produce a saving of at least £150,000,000 in 1950.

The savings from these big cuts may enable the Government to reduce income tax.

The Prime Minister's order was circulated privately some time ago and all Ministers were asked to report to him personally before the end of this month. Some of the reports are already in hand.

American Confidence In Sterling

New York, September 20.

Confidence in Sterling at its devalued rate of \$2.80 to the Pound sent the price up to one cent above the official rate for future delivery on foreign exchange here today.

This was the first time since February 13, 1947, when Sterling for a time was convertible into dollars—that its rate for future delivery has exceeded the official price.—Reuter.

Halfpenny Saving In Bread Price

London, September 20.

Canada's 10 per cent devaluation of her dollar means a halfpenny saving on the British standard loaf, the British Government announced tonight.

Before the Canadian decision, Britain's devaluation would have raised the price from 4d to 6d.

The loaf will now cost 5d.

Canada's action has lessened the increase in the Sterling cost of flour.

The Government announced tonight that millers had been instructed to restrict deliveries of flour to their customers until the new prices take effect next Sunday.

Flour prices are affected in the same way as those of bread.—Reuter.

No decision or action will be taken upon them until they have been studied as a whole by Mr. Attlee and his senior colleagues.

The economies called for by Mr. Attlee fit into the general picture of domestic retrenchment which Britain's representatives at the Washington talks indicated was part of her overall plan for economic recovery.

They mainly concern the day-to-day administrative operation of departments.

The Government has repeatedly indicated that economies in administration would not affect the British armed forces or the operation of her social service schemes.

There is no official estimate of the net saving which may be possible this year as a result of the Prime Minister's order.—Associated Press and Reuter.

MALAYA FIXES PRICES AT RULING LEVEL

Kuala Lumpur, September 20.

The Federation of Malaya has ordered the freezing of wholesale and retail prices, to become effective from September 21.

Prices will be frozen at the level existing on September 17 before the devaluation of Sterling and the subsequent devaluation of the Malayan dollar.

Rubber is exempt from the order, which has been taken under the price control ordinance of 1946.

The freezing order is operative for a period of 14 days, but can be extended if necessary, said the Federation government announcement.

The action has been taken because there is no justification for any increase in the price of goods already imported in view of the fact that there has been no change in the internal purchasing value of the Malayan dollar.

The Government said there are large stocks of consumer goods and existing stocks of rice are adequate until the end of 1949.

There will be no increase in the price of rationed rice, the basic food of the 5,000,000 inhabitants of Malaya.

No Justification For Increases

The announcement said: "There is no justification whatever for any changes in prices and charges and, owing to the large stocks of all consumer goods in hand, there will be plenty of time to find out exactly what items of consumer goods will be affected by devaluation and to what extent before existing stocks need to be replaced."

The announcement asked consumers to report to the police any prices over the fixed rates. Violators are liable, on conviction, to a fine of 20,000 Malayan dollars.

A second conviction will bring a fine of 15,000 Malayan dollars.

No freezing is planned by the Crown Colony of Singapore.—Associated Press.

Tribute To British Aviation

Cleveland, September 20.

The Scripps Howard aviation editor, Max Cook, wrote today: "Britain's foresight in assigning several hundred of its best aeronautical experts to jet power research and development early in the war is beginning to pay off."

"While United States engine manufacturers were kept busy turning out powerful reciprocating engines for both America and Britain, the British 'jumped the gun' on jets with an eye on post-war air supremacy. Recent admissions by the Civil Aeronautics Board before the Senate Committee indicate that British jet-powered airliners would be challenging American manufacturers within two or three years."

He also said that, while the United States military jets were being produced rapidly, only two airframes had been developed for commercial use—Consolidated Vultee's Convair twin-engine transport and the Navy's 180-passenger Lockheed constitution, which were constructed with an eye to jet power installation.—United Press.

BRITAIN PAYS IN STERLING

London, September 20.

In a surprise move last week, South Africa took repayment, in Sterling, of all the remainder of her gold loan to Britain, it was learned here today.

Today's British Treasury return showed the repayment. Treasury officials confirmed that Britain paid off all the remainder of the loan last Tuesday, September 13.

The precise amount of the loan still outstanding and paid off last week was £12,463,125.

The original loan in February last year was just under £80,000,000—to be precise £79,996,875. Of this, the difference of £67,533,750 had already been paid off in Sterling since last March.

Treasury officials stated today that the repayment was entirely on South African initiative.

This must have been highly welcome to the British authorities.

Had it not been paid off last week, Britain would have been bound at the week-end, under the terms of the gold loan agreement, to write up this debt in proportion to the devaluation of Sterling.

She would then have owed South Africa about £18,000,000 instead of £12,500,000.—Reuter.

U.S. TALKS ON BRITISH CRISIS

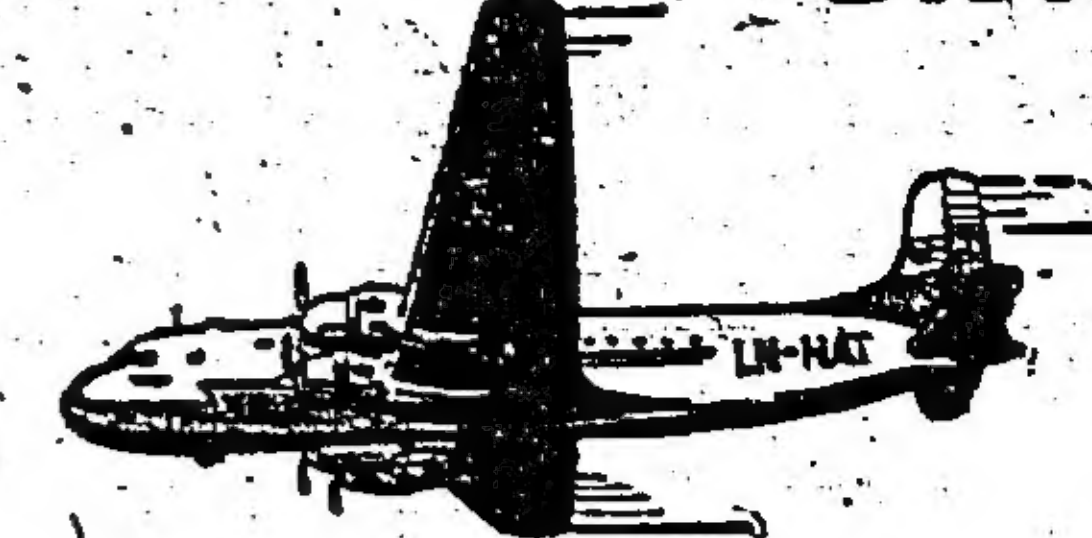
Washington, September 20.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. John Snyder, and the Foreign Aid Administrator, Mr. Paul Hoffman, met the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today to discuss the British dollar crisis and world trade.

Mr. Snyder told reporters he brought the Committee up to date on fiscal affairs. The Committee chairman, Senator Tom Connally, said only that ECA operations abroad and world trade were discussed.

Mr. Hoffman said he was not questioned on the recent decision enabling Britain to spend US\$175,000,000 in ECA money for purchases of Canadian wheat.—United Press.

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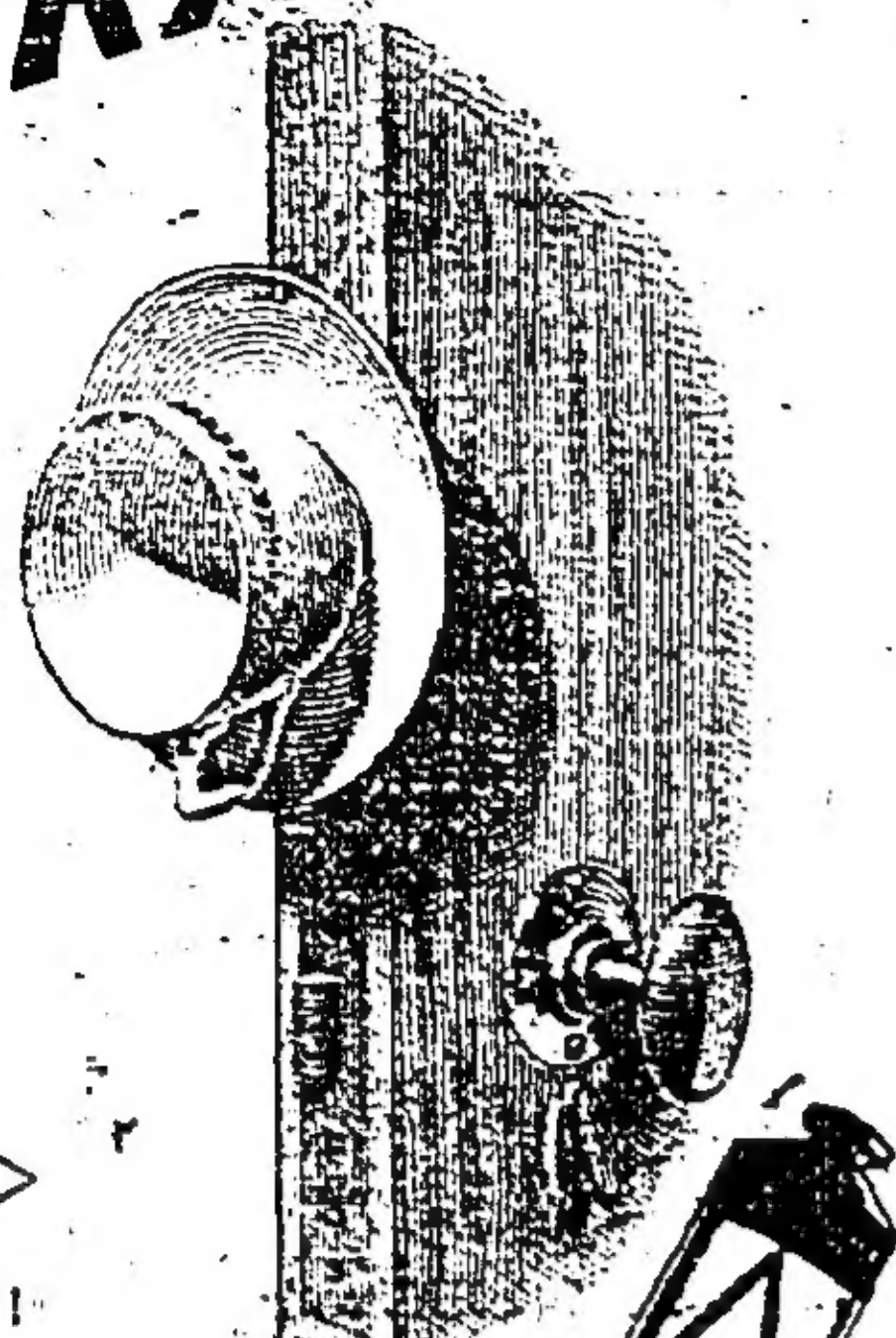
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ENGINEERING PAGE

NEW HYDRO-ELECTRIC UNDERTAKING IN CANADA

By NORMAN MARR

The increase in demands for electric energy in Canada since the war has necessitated an unprecedented programme of hydro-electric development throughout the Dominion.

Contrary to the widely held expectation that a decline in power consumption would occur in early post-war years, the tremendous demand is due to the high level of industrial activity, the rapid rise in commercial and domestic loads, and large extensions to rural services.

Water power supplies more than 97½ per cent of the electricity generated in Canada. With production from this source increasing by 4,700 million kilowatt hours in the two years 1946 and 1947 to a total of 3,900 million kilowatt hours, existing generating capacity was being fully utilised in most parts of the Dominion and additional capacity was urgently required to meet growing demands.

New installations in 1946 and 1947 totalled only a little more than 200,000 horse power, but construction was begun on numerous large undertakings which will add more than 500,000 h.p. this year and bring the total water power installation in Canada to 11 million h.p. From developments now in hand it is expected that this total will be increased by at least 1,600,000 h.p. in the next three years.

The following is a summary of the principal undertakings in this post-war programme:

British Columbia

The British Columbia Power Commission, established in 1945 and charged with the acquisition, operation, development, and extension of power facilities in the province, brought its first major

development on the Campbell River, Vancouver Island, into operation late in 1947 with an initial unit of 28,000 h.p.

A second unit of similar capacity is planned for operation this year and two other units are expected to be installed in 1949. The plant is designed for an ultimate capacity of 168,000 h.p. in six units.

A transmission line of more than 100 miles carries power from the Campbell River to Nanaimo and Port Alberni. The commission is constructing a storage dam at Ladore Falls upstream from the power development, to regulate the flow of the river.

This year the commission started construction of 30,000 h.p. development at Whatchan Lake, in central British Columbia, to serve the Okanagan-Kamloops area. This is expected to be completed in 1950.

On the Bridge River, a tributary of the Fraser, about 130 miles North East of Vancouver, the British Columbia Electric Railway Company is constructing a major hydro-electric development which is expected ultimately to produce 600,000 h.p.

The first stage of this development—two units of 62,000 h.p. is expected to go into operation shortly, with two other similar units following soon.

The principal elements involved in the initial stage include a diversion dam on the Bridge River, a 13,200-ft. tunnel through Mission Mountain, and penstocks leading to a power station on Selkirk Lake.

A transmission line 130 miles long will carry power to Vancouver, and a storage dam at La Jole Falls, on the upper Bridge River, is being built to regulate the flow.

At Brilliant, on the Kootenay River, the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada is adding a unit of 37,000 h.p. to the plant constructed during the war.

Two similar units are now in operation at the plant. The new unit is expected to be completed this year. Also on the Kootenay River, the City of Nelson is adding a unit of 6,700 h.p. to its Upper Bonington plant this year.

The Power River Company completed the raising of the Scanlon dam in Lois River in 1947 and installed a second unit of 25,000 h.p. in its Stillwater power station.

North-West Territories

The Dominion Government, through the Department of Mines and Resources, is building an 8,000 h.p. hydro-electric development on the Snare River north-west of Yellowknife, North-West Territories, to supply power at cost over a 90-mile transmission line to mines and other users in the Yellowknife area. Construction in this isolated location started in 1946 and delivery of power began on October 4, last year.

Alberta

Calgary Power, Limited, which serves a large part of Alberta with power from a number of hydro-electric plants on the Bow River and tributaries, completed and brought into operation in 1947 a new development of 12,500 h.p. at Barrier, on the Kananaskis River, a tributary of the Bow. The company is planning other developments in the Bow Basin to meet its rapidly growing loads.

Saskatchewan

The Churchill River Power Company added a sixth unit of 21,000 h.p. to its Islands Falls plant last year, bringing the total capacity to 108,500 h.p. Power is transmitted to mining areas at Flin Flon, Sherridon, and Snow Lake, in Manitoba.

Manitoba

The City of Winnipeg Hydro-Electric System completed its Slave Falls power development on the Winnipeg River by adding four 12,000 h.p. units, two in 1946, one in 1947, and one in 1948, these bringing the total capacity to 96,000 h.p.

The Winnipeg Electric Company has work in progress at its Seven Sisters plant on the Winnipeg River to provide for raising the head to the final limit of 694 ft. and the installation of two additional units, one in 1949 and the other in 1950. These units are of 27,500 h.p. capacity, and when completed will bring the installation to 187,500 h.p.

Ontario

The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, the greatest power producing and distributing organisation in Canada, operates 55 generating stations totalling nearly two million h.p. and pur-

chases some one million h.p. on contract. The commission has experienced difficulties in supply during the post-war period, and is engaged in a very large programme of construction to meet the situation.

A second unit of 70,000 h.p. was added in 1947 to the commission's DeCew Falls plant in the Niagara area. Three large projects are under construction in Eastern Ontario.

At Stewartville, on the Madawaska River, an 81,000 h.p. development started in 1945 will be completed this year. At Des Jonchims, on the Ottawa River construction began in 1946 on a 480,000 h.p. development, designed for eight 60,000 h.p. units, of which four will be in service in 1950 and four more in 1951.

Also on the Ottawa River, construction was begun in 1948 of a new 150,000 h.p. development at Chenaux planned to be brought into operation in 1951.

In Northern Ontario the commission has added a unit of 7,500 h.p. to its Ear Falls plant on the English River. The 68,000 h.p. Tunnel Development on the Mississagi River, begun in 1947, will be completed this year and construction has been started on a development of 160,000 h.p. capacity at Pine Portage, on the Nipigon River, which is planned for initial operation in 1950.

The Great Lakes Power Company in the Sault Ste. Marie area is preparing to enlarge its plant on the Michipicoten River by adding a unit of 13,500 h.p. in 1950.

Quebec

The Shawinigan Water and Power Company, serving a large area in central Quebec from generating plants and purchased power totalling 1,250,000 h.p., has begun a 135,000 h.p. development at Shawinigan Falls, on the St. Maurice River.

The company has also started construction of a new development at La Trenché, on the St. Maurice River, which will have an initial capacity of 320,000 h.p. and an ultimate capacity of 384,000 h.p. Operation is expected to begin in 1951.

The Quebec Hydro-Electric Commission, serving chiefly the city of Montreal, and environs, is completing power-house No. 1 at Beauharnois, on the St. Lawrence River, by adding the 14th unit of 53,000 h.p.

Work has also begun on the construction of power-house No. 2, which will have a capacity of some 600,000 h.p. It is planned to have the first two units of 53,000 h.p. each installed in 1951 and two additional units in 1952.

As administrator for the Quebec Government's Rapid VII plant on the Ottawa River, the commission is installing a four-unit unit of 16,000 h.p. for operation this year. It is building a storage dam at Lake Dezois to afford better regulation of the flow of the Ottawa River.

Gatineau Power Company completed the installation of the first, and final unit of 24,000 h.p. in its Farmers Rapids plant, on the Gatineau River, in the spring of 1947 and has work under way at its Bryson plant, on the Ottawa River, which will add a unit of 27,000 h.p. this year.

The Northern Quebec Power Company has work in progress at its Quinze River development in north-western Quebec, which will add 10,000 h.p. to the capacity in 1950 and 24,500 h.p. in 1950.

The Lower St. Lawrence Power Company last year completed the construction of a 6,000 h.p. development on the lower Metis River.

The Nova Scotia Power Commission expects to bring a new development of 3,700 h.p. in Dickie Brook into operation before the New Year, and has initiated construction of a 12,000 h.p. development on the Mersey River, completion of which is planned by 1950. The possibility of developing 5,300 h.p. at Bad Falls, on Tusket River, is also being actively investigated.

The Nova Scotia Light and Power Company scheduled a 4,500 h.p. development on Mettals Brook for completion in 1948 and an addition of 4,500 h.p. to the company's Black River plant is planned for this year.

This review has mentioned, in brief outline only, new hydro-electric undertakings which have been built or are actively under construction.

There are, as well, large projects under investigation in various parts of the Dominion, some of which, undoubtedly, will be undertaken within a few years. There is every prospect, therefore, that development will continue on a scale which will maintain the flow of low-cost power, so necessary for the expansion of industrial, commercial, domestic, and rural uses throughout the Dominion.

The Bridge Of New ss. Himalaya

For greater ease of observation, the wings of the bridge of the new P. & O. liner Himalaya extend beyond the ship's side. Aboard of the wheel house, the wings are fitted with wind deflectors, and the windows of the wheelhouse itself include two revolving clear-view screens of glass for visibility during rain.

Inside the wheelhouse of this 28,000-ton vessel—the largest ship to be completed anywhere in the world during 1949—are housed three types of steering gear: the hand-operated telemotor gear for use by the "man at the wheel" in narrow waters; the automatic gyro-pilot which holds her in open sea to any set course; and the electric control which although used by the automatic gyro-pilot can also be operated manually.

Indicators

The wheelhouse also contains the Himalaya's many navigational aids, among them the distance and speed indicators connected with the submerged log, the engine revolution and helm indicators, and an indicator, used when the ship is docking, to show whether her propellers are clear or not. In the wheelhouse, too, are the chronometers, the magnetic compass, a gyro-repeater and a microphone connected with special circuits for passing orders to boats in case of emergency.

Communication with the engine room is provided by electric telegraphs and there are telephone connections with all the working parts of the ship and a bridge connection with the radio telephone equipment. Out on the bridge wings are the electric loud-hailers and gyro-repeaters on each side and, inside the wheelhouse, the alarm switches for use in emergency and the whistle and siren controls.

Housed In Chart Room

Other sensitive recording and transmitting instruments are housed in the chart room, the most important of them, perhaps, the radar equipment. Here, too, are the fire-detecting cabinets, the echo-sounding apparatus for electrical depth-recording, the gyro compass-recorder, speed and direction indicators and a microphone which can connect up with the public address system throughout the ship.

In addition, there are cabinets for the navigational books, tables and drawers for the charts, chronometers, further telephones and voice pipes, automatic sprinkler and fire-alarm indicators, and the ship's electric master-clock.

Finally, on the upper bridge is the 10-inch daylight-signalling apparatus, the standard magnetic compass and the direction-finding and radar aerials.

Thus, in the 96 feet wide bridge of the ship are assembled the many sensitive instruments by whose guidance the Himalaya will sail when she makes her maiden voyage on the United Kingdom-India/Australia Service on October 6, 1949.

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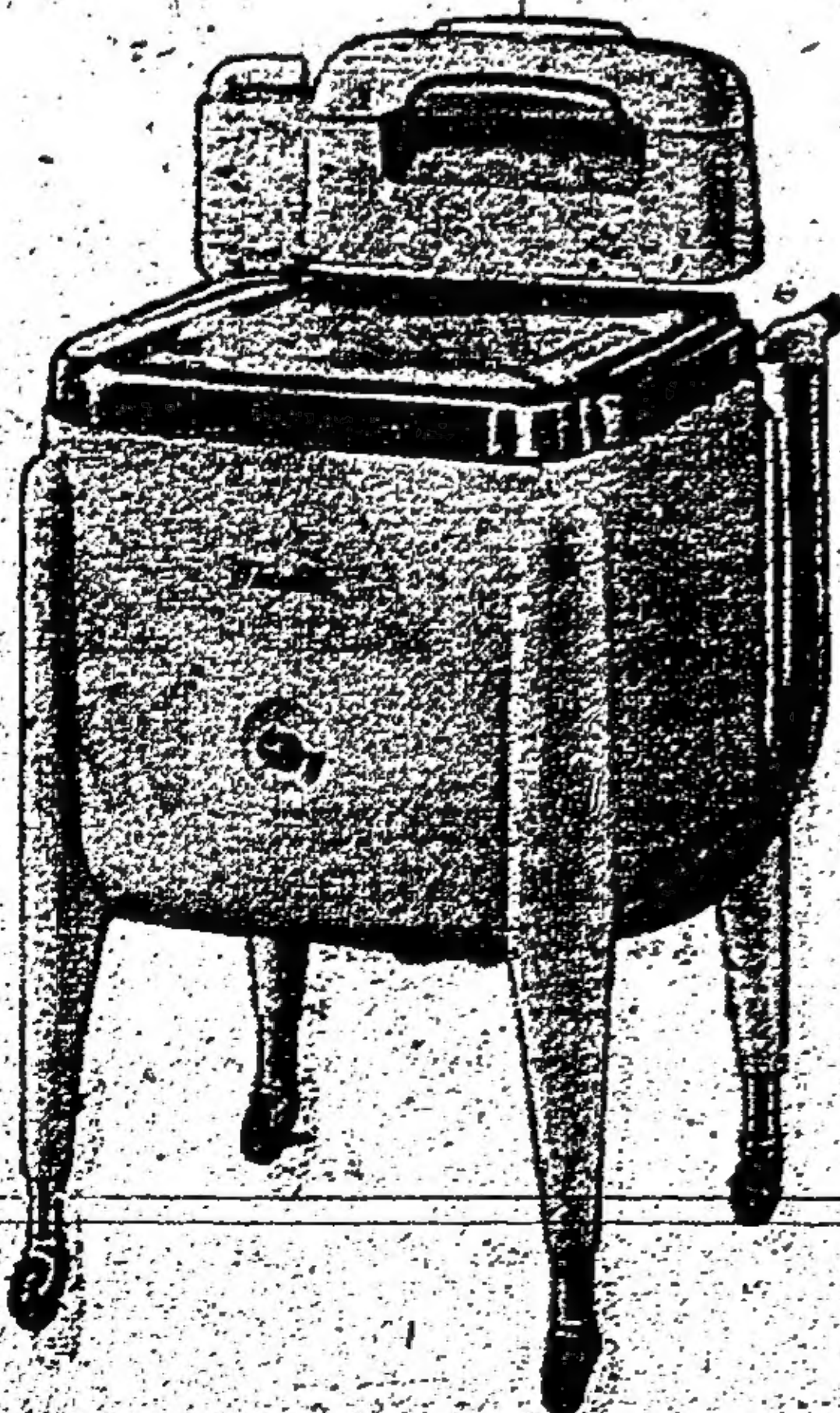
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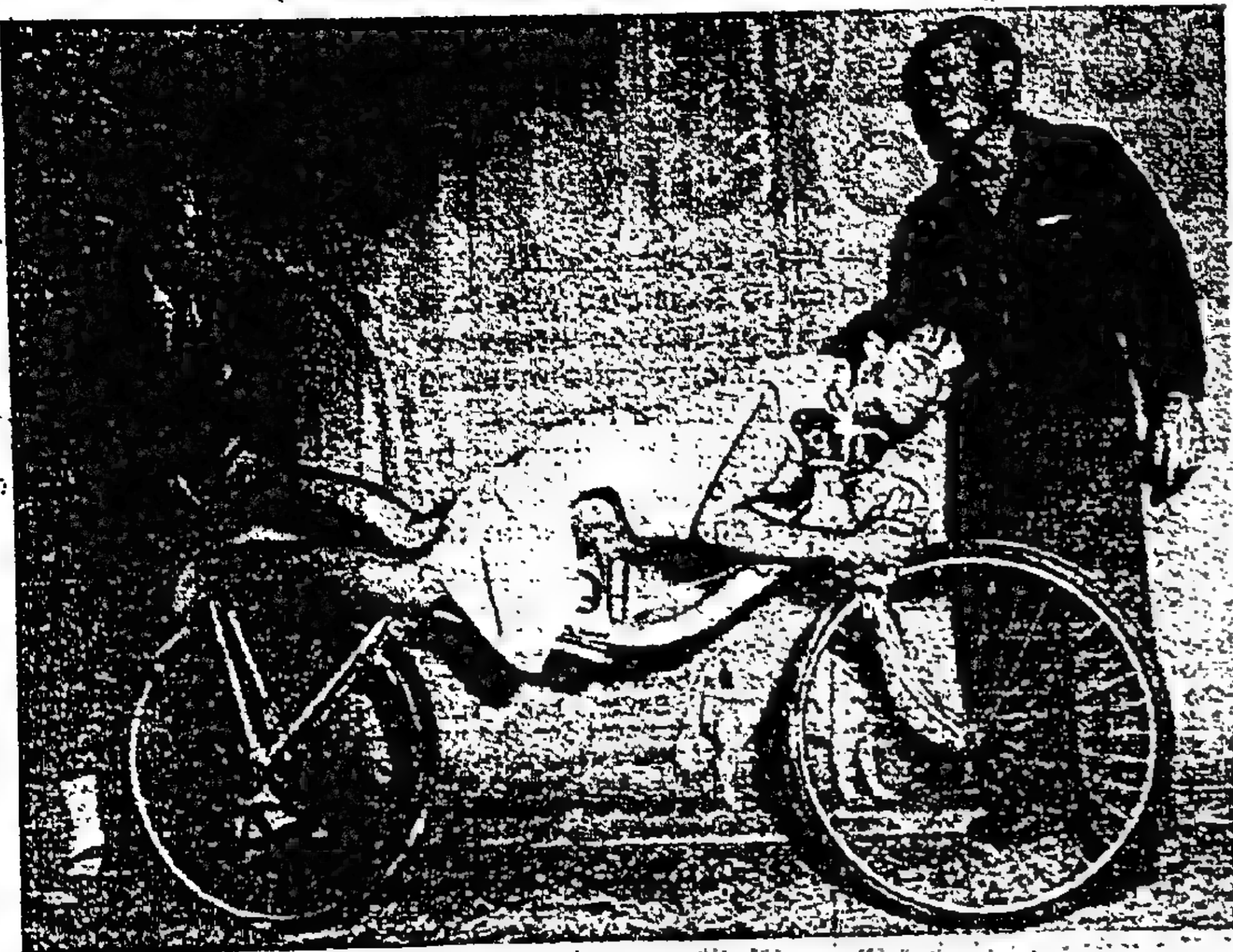
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This bicycle, designed by Pierre Bourguignon of Paris, is on display at the Concorde Levee in the French capital. The inventor says he built it to be pedaled in a horizontal position, to reduce the amount of wind resistance. The Concorde Levee is the annual display of minor inventions.—Associated Press Photo.

VANDENBERG BACKS ARMS AID MEASURE

Washington, September 20.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg (Republican, Michigan) today urged Senate approval of the US\$1,314,010,000 arms aid bill as "fire insurance, a bargain policy for peace" in a troubled world.

The Republican foreign policy leader made his appeal under dramatic circumstances. Immediately after the Senate votes on the bill later this week, he will enter hospital for a major operation.

He told the Senate that the arms programme, which he had helped to draft, was not essentially one that would touch off an arms race with Russia, but with its foreboding, the Atlantic defence pact, it would serve notice that certain failure faced any aggressor.

Just before Senator Vandenberg spoke, it was revealed that the Atlantic Pact military commanders had set as their immediate goal a highly mobile holding force of 15 divisions armed with American weapons. They hope to have such a force in being within two or three years, coupled with the long-term objective of about 50 well-equipped divisions.

Senator Vandenberg said the arms programme would help meet weaknesses of existing forces in Western Europe. "It doesn't involve an arms race in any phase," he said. "It cannot be deemed to contemplate turning Europe into an armed camp or placing American troops in Europe."

Device For Peace

He made it clear he regarded the 12-nation security alliance as a primary device for peace. The bill was the finest possible example of constructive bipartisanship co-operation.

He weathered a barrage of questions from Republican Senator Kenneth Wherry, Forrest Donnell and Homer Ferguson, who expressed concern lest the US\$500,000,000 provided in contract authority bound the hands of Congressional appropriations committees.

Senator Vandenberg said it would not. Senator Ralph Flanders (Republican), leading critic of the pact, said he regarded the programme as a commitment for heavy expenditures without limit. Democrat Warren Magnuson introduced the revised shipping amendment requiring 50 per cent of arms shipments to be carried in United States vessels to assure the fair and reasonable participation of American ships in the programme.

Russian Advances

Democratic Senator Harry Byrd (Virginia) challenged Senator Vandenberg, saying: "To say this is a one-year programme is absurd. Once you undertake this obligation, you have to carry through. There is not even the remotest indication this will stop after one year."

Urging approval of the bill, Senator McMahon warned that Soviet scientific advances "are eating away the United States atomic monopoly."

Senator McMahon is chairman of the Joint Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee. He told the Senate that defence of the West depended on the American atomic bomb and said the United States must help other Atlantic Pact nations to rearm because they are the ones to be ranged face to face with the Red Army plus Soviet atomic bombs.

"When the day comes that Russia begins her production of atomic weapons, we will rely on an overwhelmingly larger stockpile of our own as the principal warning to aggressors."

Irish Issue

Senator James Murray (Democrat) said he would propose an amendment to the arms bill to bar Britain from participation

in the arms programme, which he had helped to draft, was not essentially one that would touch off an arms race with Russia, but with its foreboding, the Atlantic defence pact, it would serve notice that certain failure faced any aggressor.

He also said he proposed amendment should require the Government of Britain to redress this wrong inflicted on the Irish nation before it should be entitled to the benefits of this legislation.

Time and again the Irish people have given understandable evidence of their desire for the unity and freedom of their land, but their will, expressed both in armed risings and by means of the ballot, has been denied by the British Government.

"Partition of Ireland is utter negation of the very principle for which American stands and for which we have fought two world wars," he said.—United Press.

Communism No Danger To India

Berlin, September 20. Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, Indian Socialist leader, said in Berlin today that Communism was no real danger for India and he did not think the Communist creed had more than half, or at the most, one per cent of the nation behind it.

Dr. Lohia told a press conference in Germany: "Communism has been unduly displaced as a great power in China, but people seem to have a lot of illusions as to the source of this power. Communism is not a hidden spring which sends waves of force in all directions over the earth's surface. There is nothing unseen or irresistible about it. That is only a propaganda trick."

Communism, he added, could only exist where the alternative was the kind of capitalist dictatorship that had previously existed in China.—Reuter.

Devaluation Will Help Dutch Trade

The Hague, September 20.

Queen Juliana declared in her speech from the throne at the opening of the Dutch Parliament today that devaluation would aid the Dutch competitive position on world markets.

The Queen asked for increased production and maintenance of an internationally competitive level of the costs of production.

To cope with the Netherlands' ever-growing population, the Government, she said, would promote both industrialisation and emigration.

Increased industrialisation was also necessary to decrease the deficit on the Netherlands' payments balance.

Today was the second occasion that the Queen has opened Parliament since her accession to the throne on September 3 last year.

A large number of Indonesian delegates to the round table conference on Indonesia, including the Prime Minister of the In-

CHINA MAY ACCUSE RUSSIA AT UN OF TREATY BREACHES

London, September 20.

Responsible diplomats said tonight that the Chinese Nationalists plan to accuse Russia of giving arms to the advancing Red armies in violation of the friendship pact.

The Canton Government has advised the United States and Britain that it intends to raise the matter in the United Nations General Assembly, which met today, the informants said.

A Chinese Embassy spokesman in London refused to confirm or deny the move. He said that inquiries ought to be put to the Chinese delegation at the United Nations.

If the Chinese Nationalists go through with the move, it will in effect bring the issue of the civil war into the international diplomatic forum openly for the first time.

China and Russia signed a friendship treaty on August 14, 1945, just before Japan surrendered.

Three of its main provisions were:

1. Russia undertook to give "the National Government of China," as the Central Government of China, "moral support and aid in military supplies."

2. The countries agreed jointly to administer the port of Dairen, which was declared "free" to world commerce and shipping. And they were to share the use of Port Arthur as a naval base, the defence of which was entrusted to Russia.

3. The two countries were jointly to own and run the Chinese Changchun railway in the three Eastern provinces of China, for this purpose, a Chinese-Soviet company, under a 10-man directorate, was formed.

Dairen Complaint

The Chinese Nationalists are expected to complain that Russia has broken at least these three conditions of the treaty.

Details of how the Nationalists think Russia has broken the conditions were not discussed by the informants. The Canton Government, presumably, wants such details kept secret.

The informants did say, though, that the Nationalists would claim that Russia is not allowing them to share effectively in the running of the Eastern railroad and the port of Dairen.

"What evidence they intend to produce to back their charge that the Russians continue giving arms to the Communists was not disclosed either."

Neither the United States nor the British attitude to the Nationalists' grouse was made clear by the informants.

But it seems likely that the United States, within the context of its declared policy of not compromising with the Chinese Communists, would back the Canton Government.

British Attitude

Britain, on the other hand, is still anxious to do business with the Chinese Reds. This country has extensive vested and trading interests in the parts of China under Red rule.

The Communists already have a grudge against the British on account of the Yangtze River incident earlier this year in which Royal naval warships exchanged gunfire with Red shore batteries. The informants said it would be no surprise, in the light of these factors, if Britain tries to remain neutral in any U.N. treatment of the issue.

A Foreign Office spokesman said later he knew of no formal approach to Britain on the subject by the Chinese Nationalists.

Then he added, without being asked that he was not personally aware whether the British delegation in New York have been "lobbied" to support China.—Associated Press.

American Submarines Accused

London, September 20.

American submarines were reconnoitring "not far" from the Soviet port of Murmansk, the U.S. submarine Cochise exploded and sank in Arctic waters, the Soviet naval newspaper "Red Fleet" said today.

In an article broadcast by Radio Moscow, "Red Fleet" said: "It now becomes clear to the whole world that American naval circles consider it possible to organize training off Soviet shores."

"The disaster once more exposed not only American political expansion in Northern Europe but also the servility of Scandinavian naval circles."—United Press.

Too Much Reliance On Air Force?

Seal Harbour, Maine.

United States Army Air Force bombers never hit a single Japanese aircraft carrier during World War II, America's most distinguished naval historian said today.

Samuel Eliot Morison, Harvard professor and a sailor himself from boyhood days, said: "Their record simply doesn't back them up. We are putting too much reliance on the Air Force, their much-vaunted B-36 bomber and strategic bombing as a whole. The carrier-based, air striking force is the weapon we should place most faith in now."

The tanned, 62-year-old sailor and scholar contended that he had material to back up his claims. His new book, published today, "Coral Sea, Midway and Submarine Actions," fourth in a series on U.S. wartime naval operations, pulls no punches.

Mr. Morison denied official Air Force claims of having "blasted two fleets" at Midway. Actually, he said, land-based bombers never hit a single Japanese carrier during the entire war because of their high-altitude bombing and lack of over-water training.—United Press.

College Of Europe Opening

Bruges, September 20.

About 500 people packed the Gothic room of Bruges Town Hall today and hundreds more stood outside in the Ringed City Square when the preparatory session of the College of Europe opened here.

The establishment of the College is a major step towards instilling a European spirit into the teachings of the Universities of Europe.

Twenty-five students from Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Italy, Greece, Western Germany, Hungary, Poland and Spain are taking part in this first session, which is due to last until October 10.

If this "trial run" is successful, the College will be established on a permanent basis in Bruges in November, 1950.

The decision to establish the College was made by the International Cultural Committee of the European Movement, which was sponsored by Mr. Winston Churchill, M. Paul Henri Spaak, former Belgian Premier, M. Leon Blum, leading French Socialist, and Signor Alcide de Gasperi, the Italian Prime Minister.—Reuter.

STASSEN TO SEE ATTLEE

London, September 20.

Mr. Harold Stassen, President of the University of Pennsylvania and former Governor of Minnesota, is to see Mr. Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, here tomorrow.

Mr. Stassen is in Britain to study the National Health Service, Scheme and the social and economic picture of Britain today.—Reuter.

GERMANY'S CLAIM TO TERRITORY

Bonn, September 20.

Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, declared in his policy speech to Parliament today that West Germany "desires to live in peace with Russia, but we shall never renounce our claims to the territories East of the Oder-Neisse."

(The Oder-Neisse line was provisionally fixed at the Yalta Conference as the Eastern frontier of Germany with Poland.)

(Under the Potsdam Agreement of 1945, the provisional Polish frontier was drawn along the line of the Oder and Neisse rivers. The German population of the region, which came under Polish control, was about 15 per cent of the total population of Germany. (Most of the Germans living in the area were expelled shortly after Poland took over the administration of the territory.)

"The expulsion of Germans from these territories is in direct conflict with the Potsdam Agreement," Dr. Adenauer said. "The Chancellor said that although he had created no Foreign Ministry, that does not mean that we have renounced all activity in the international field (of foreign affairs)."

"I think the High Commissioners, conscious of their great responsibility, will make no important decision in foreign affairs without previous contact with the Federal Government," he added. "We shall not cease to pursue our claims to these territories by orderly means," he said.

Dr. Adenauer said that the Government would submit its entire legal and factual case in a memorandum to be handed to the Allied Governments.

Other points made by the Chancellor were: Dismantling: The whole German people would be grateful if the Allied statesmen now in Washington would re-examine the dismantling issue "in a benevolent sense."

Industry: "To gain the confidence of foreign capital the blocking of foreign assets in Germany should soon be lifted."

Berlin: "We must not leave Berlin in the lurch in any circumstances. Relations with the Allies: 'We are convinced that the only way for our country and our people to regain their freedom is to maintain constant accord with the High Commission. We have no doubt that by origin and conviction we belong to the Western world.'—Reuter.

RECOGNITION OF SYRIA

Damascus, September 20.

Great Britain, the U.S. and France today resumed diplomatic relations with Syria, it was officially announced in Damascus.

Notes recognising the new status of Syria were handed to Syria's Foreign Minister, Mr. Nazem Koudsi, today by the Legation Secretaries of the three countries.

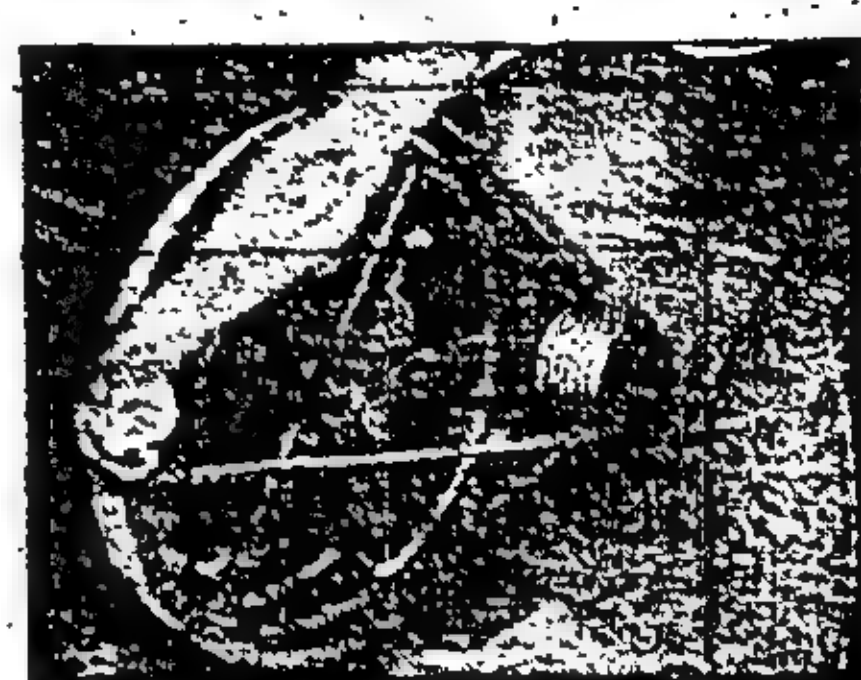
The chiefs of missions are to visit the Foreign Minister this afternoon.—Associated Press.

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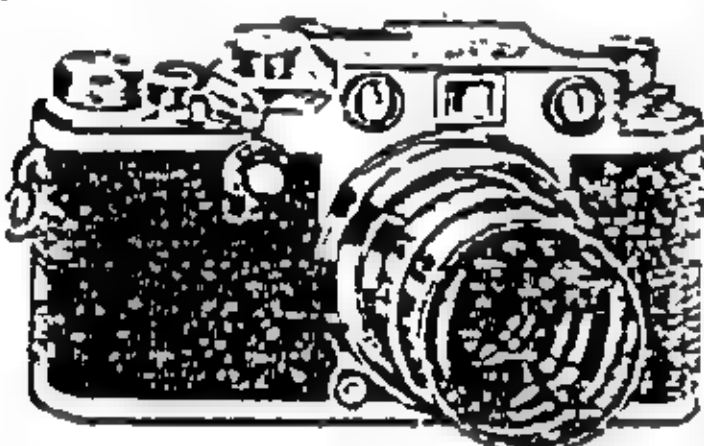
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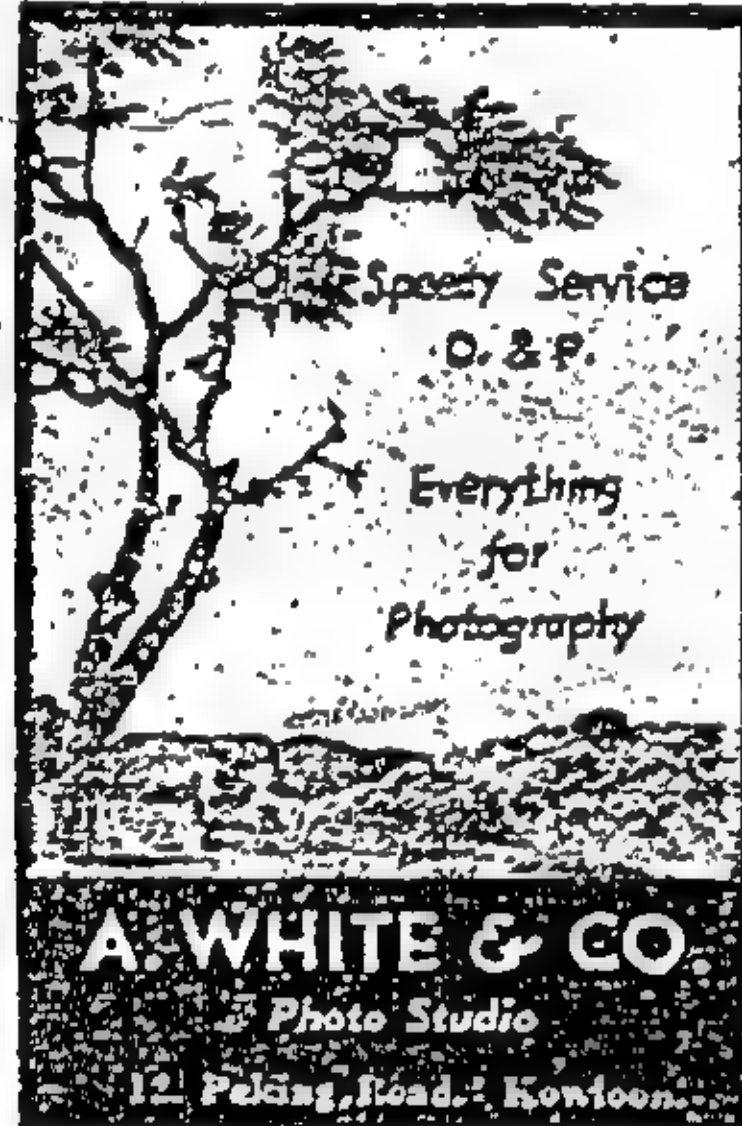
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Romulo Elected UN President

Flushing Meadow, September 20.

General Carlos Romulo of the Philippines was elected President of the fourth regular session of the United Nations General Assembly when it opened here today.

General Romulo was elected President with 53 votes against five. One vote was invalid—reliably believed to be Yugoslavia, who appears to be maintaining a neutral attitude towards East and West.

ISRAEL WARNING TO UN

Flushing, September 20.

Israel warned today that it would never give up Jerusalem, but promised to help in the resettlement of Arab refugees from the Holy Land.

Mr. Aubrey Eban, permanent Israeli delegate to the United Nations, said in a statement, made concurrently with the opening of the General Assembly: "The delegation of Israel enters the new session of the General Assembly with many arduous tasks before it. It will make clear that Israel can never be separated from Jerusalem nor will Jerusalem ever cease to be part of Israel."

"The religious interests of the United Nations in Jerusalem which we fully respect, neither justify nor require the slightest intrusion into the city's political life."

"The delegation will pursue its efforts to emphasize the paramount duty of the Arab states to help resettle refugees who were uprooted and dispersed by the action of those very states. There is already sign of some progress towards international recognition of Arab responsibility."

"Yet Israel must be vigilant lest efforts be renewed to impose the chief weight of this problem upon itself. In the solution of general international problems, Israel will follow the principles which lie at the foundation of its foreign policy—search for common ground between the conflicting powers, advance of subject peoples toward independence and defence of fundamental human rights."

Communist Murdered In Moravia

Prague, September 20.
The murder of a Communist said to have been co-operating with the police in an investigation directed at the Catholic Church was reported today from Moravia.

The Church's unofficial but authoritative Information Service also reported that parishioners at the village of Kelga, near Valassky Mezirice, had "rescued" a priestman who had been arrested by the police.

The murdered man's name was given as Valicek. He was found in a forest with two shots through his head after he had been suspected, according to the Church's reports, of helping two plain-clothes policemen to look for a secret radio transmitter that they thought was hidden in the forest.

The incident was said to have occurred after the police had arrested the local priest, Father Mikula.—Reuter.

TRAVEL BODIES CONFERENCE

Luxembourg, September 20.
The annual Conference of the International Union of Official Travel Organizations today began a thorough examination of how to eliminate passport, currency, customs and other restrictions hindering tourist travel.

The Conference, which will last five days, is attended by about 70 delegates and observers from national travel organizations or Government departments of countries in Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America and Australia.—Reuter.

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The five votes against General Romulo were cast by the Soviet group, who voted solidly for M. Vladimir Clementis, the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister.

General Romulo said after his election that he hoped this session would earn the title of "the Peace Assembly."

"The danger of a new war, which overshadowed our deliberations in Paris a year ago, has greatly abated," he said.

Mr. Lester Pearson, the Canadian Minister for External Affairs, was elected Chairman of the Political Committee.

Mr. Pearson was elected with 49 votes, against five for Dr. Adolf Hoffmeister of Czechoslovakia, one for Luxembourg's Foreign Minister, Dr. Joseph Beck, and three abstentions.

Senor Herman Santa Cruz, the head of the Chilean delegation, was elected Chairman of the Economic Committee with 51 votes, against five for the Byelo-Russian Foreign Minister, Mr. Kuzma V. Kiselev, one each for Dr. Charles Malik (Lebanon) and Senor de Freitas-Valle (Brazil), and one abstention.

Senor Carlos Stolk, of Venezuela, was unanimously elected Chairman of the Social Committee.

Herro Harnod Lannung, of Denmark, was elected Chairman of the Trusteeship Committee with 50 votes, against seven for the Ukrainian Foreign Minister, M. Manuksky.

The session of the Assembly opened under the temporary Presidency of Mr. Norman Makin, Australian Ambassador to the United States. Mr. Makin was acting in the absence of Dr. Herbert Eviatt, the Australian Minister for External Affairs, who sent a message saying that he could not attend.

The Foreign Ministers of the United States, Britain, Soviet Russia and France attended.

Tense Moment

In the delegates' lounge before the session, the Soviet-Foreign Minister, M. Andrei Vyshinsky, was surrounded by the Polish, Czech, Byelo-Russian and Ukrainian delegates when M. Edward Kardelj, the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, came in, accompanied by the Yugoslav Ambassador.

Without even glancing at the Soviet group, the Yugoslav delegates, with stony faces, marched straight by and went into the meeting hall.

M. Vyshinsky glanced in their direction and said something to M. Vladimir Clementis, the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister. They both shrugged their shoulders.

M. Alexis Kyrou, of Greece, was elected the Chairman of the Administrative and Budgetary Committee by 49 votes.

M. Manfred Eads, of Poland, was elected Chairman of the Legal Committee by a unanimous vote.

The seven Vice-Presidents elected by the Assembly were: France (51 votes), the United States (51 votes), the United Kingdom (51 votes), China (49 votes), Brazil (42 votes), Pakistan (42 votes).

The President of the Assembly, the six Chairmen of Committees, and the seven Vice-Presidents comprise the Steering Committee which decides upon the allocation of items on the Assembly's agenda.

In the election of Vice-Presidents, Egypt received 10 votes and India four. Eighteen other countries were listed in the ballot, among them Yugoslavia, who received two votes.

The Chairman adjourned the Assembly until tomorrow.—Reuter.

AP MAN'S DEATH

Sanja Monica, California, September 20.
Robbin Coons, wartime correspondent for the Associated Press in the Pacific, died today of a heart ailment. He was 44.—Associated Press.

More Than 200 Priests Arrested

Prague, September 20.
The latest wave of arrests of Roman Catholic priests and nuns in Czechoslovakia brings the number of priests under arrest to more than 200, an informed Church source estimated today.

No official comment was available on these figures. The Government does not usually announce arrests of priests until they have been sentenced for their alleged offences.—Associated Press.

ILSE KOCK TO BE TRIED

Bamberg, Bavaria, September 20.
Ilse Kock, former "Mistress of Buchenwald," is to be tried for murder by a 12-man German jury at Augsburg, probably in November, the German Prosecutor, Dr. Ernst Jagomast, announced here today.

He said that the trial was fixed after his recent two-months' trip to the United States, where he gathered "overwhelming" evidence from former inmates of the Nazi concentration camp.

Ilse Kock is now serving a four-year prison term at Landsberg Prison following her conviction by a Military Government Court at Dachau for inhuman treatment of concentration camp prisoners.

She is due for release in October.—Reuter.

ACHESON MAY MAKE APPROACH TO REDS

New York, September 20.

Expectations of an invitation to Russia to join in a new effort to settle East-West tension were voiced here today on the occasion of the meeting of the 1949 session of the United Nations.

The invitation, it was said, might be extended by the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, who is to be an early speaker in the general debate that is to follow the election of office bearers.



MR. ACHESON

Experienced observers said that the co-operative statement read by the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Andrei Vyshinsky, on his arrival yesterday and the presence of leading policy-making statesmen of the world constituted the most favourable omen for the meeting of the United Nations.

The general mood was described as more hopeful than at any time during the last two years. M. Vyshinsky's good humour gave rise to favourable reactions among other prominent delegates, some of whom reciprocated with cheerful expressions of optimism.

Noted for his uncommunicativeness in the past, M. Vyshinsky had read into the microphone the following statement on his arrival: "We are here on American soil and I want first of all to convey greetings to the people of America."

Desire For Co-operation

The Soviet delegation has come for the fourth session of the General Assembly with a firm desire to make its contribution to the strengthening of the United Nations.

"The Soviet delegation feels

confident that the United Nations is—as the head of the Soviet Government, Stalin, has said—a serious instrument for the maintenance of peace and international security.

"There can be no doubt that the General Assembly will be able to solve successfully the important tasks it faces, provided that members display a sincere desire to co-operate with each other and act in accordance with the principles of the United Nations Charter."

The Russian-Yugoslav question was not likely to come up in the General Assembly debate, contrary to previous expectations, some observers said.

China's Status

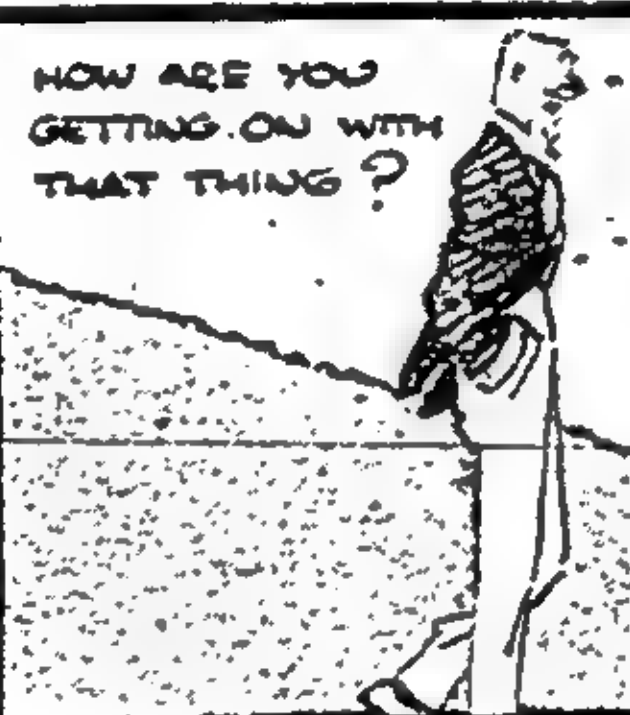
The fact that China yesterday paid in a cheque for \$1,000,000 as the first instalment of China's 1949 contribution to the United Nations was remarked upon by commentators who said that this was the first time China had paid part payment. They said that in the past China had paid her contribution at the end of the year. China's total assessment for 1949 amounts to \$2,379,020. Tak-

ing into account the credit she has of \$21,832 from assets of the former League of Nations, China still has to pay for 1949 a balance of \$1,475,188.

Whether or not there was any significance in China's making her payment at this juncture, some observers connected it with the speculation that Russia might challenge Nationalist China's status in the United Nations.

While some said that this question would not be raised at all, other said that if it was raised it would be overwhelmingly defeated.—Reuter.

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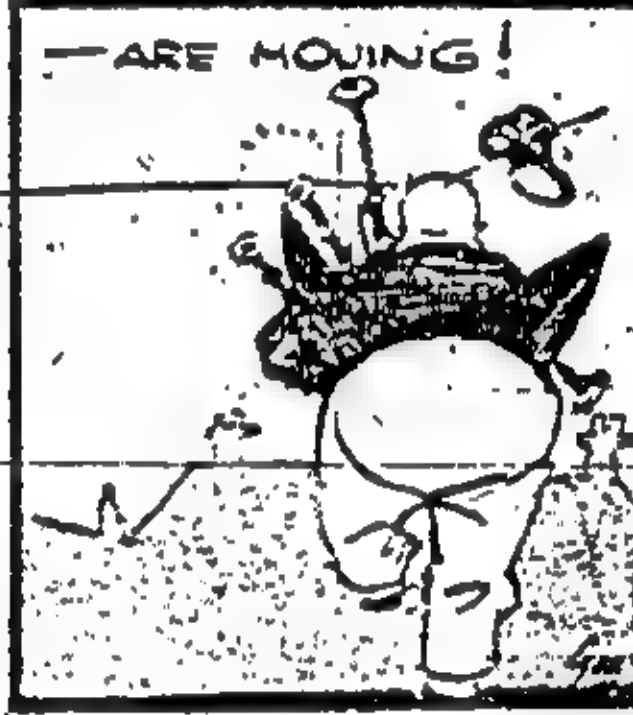
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	25th & 29th Sept.		
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"AUTOMEDON"	"		11th Oct.
"DYMAS"	"		22nd Sept.
"CYCLOPS"	"		28th Oct.
"EURYMEDON"	"		30th Oct.

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Inquiry Into Chak Sang Disaster Continues

"The No. 2 cargo supervisor was responsible for the passengers aboard the Chak Sang and I did not know about them until they were checked at the Tsim Sha Tsui Police Station after the explosion," Wong Kai-ming, No. 1 cargo supervisor, stated when giving evidence at the Court of Inquiry yesterday.

In reply to questions as to what he would have done had he known about the passengers, witness said he would have driven them off the ship. "If we were at sea, then I would immediately report to the master."

Wong entered the witness box after the fourth engineer, John B. Quealy, had finished telling the Court his version of the blast which sank the British steamer Chak Sang as she rode at anchor in the Dangerous Goods Anchorage at Buoy A-15 on the night of September 7 in the face of a typhoon threat.

Known either as the No. 1 cargo supervisor or the No. 1 commodore, witness told the Court that he has been working in that department for more than 20 years.

Later he elaborated on his experience to Mr. D. Strellett, counsel for the master of the ill-fated ship, Mr. G. W. F. Edwards, and the chief officer, Mr. B. Johnson. "I have been working all this period in the commodore department and was promoted from No. 4 commodore to No. 1 commodore during my service," he clarified.

Recounting his experience and general routine work prior to the accident, Wong said he boarded the Chak Sang at about 9 a.m. on that tragic day after staying overnight with his family.

"I received the daily reports from the No. 2 cargo supervisor which consisted of information regarding the variety of cargo and the respective tonnage," he said.

"The goods were all manifested."

"I took the reports to the office, Jardine, Matheson," he added.

Witness told the Court that during the loading the No. 1 tallyman was in charge of the No. 1 hatch and the No. 2 tallyman was responsible for the stowage of cargo in the No. 2 hatch.

Colour Of Orders

"I have no detailed knowledge of the actual stowage of the cargo. I knew some were dangerous by the colour of the shipping orders covering them. Usually red denotes dangerous goods."

"I did not know whether there was any special marking when the cargo is dangerous," Wong declared.

Asked by the Court how long he had been working as cargo supervisor, witness reiterated that he has more than 20 years' experience.

"Yet you don't know whether there is any marking if any, for dangerous cargo?" the Court asked.

"All the cargo was handled by the tallymen," witness replied.

The chief officer gave instructions to stow the cargo in each hold accordingly and a special tallyman looked after that.

Continuing his evidence, witness said he returned to the Chak Sang at about 3 p.m. and enquired about the loading of all cargo.

"I was informed that there were a little more than 100 tons of cargo which had not arrived. This was according to the booking list."

"I reported this to the master and the chief officer. They told me to make inquiries at the office whether any of the 100 tons of cargo were forthcoming."

"The office informed me that due to the approaching typhoon there would be no more cargo."

"All the ship's cargo was loaded before 3 p.m.," Wong said.

Witness declared he knew there were dangerous goods aboard. "I got this information from the manifests which I obtained from the Nos. 2 and 3 cargo supervisors, and which I subsequently took to the Marine Office to be stamped."

The manifests had all the types of cargo which were loaded.

"I then boarded the ship again and collected all the necessary documents to give to the representative of the office between 4.30 and 5 p.m. that day."

Did Not Know About Passengers

"I did not know anything about the passengers. I was aboard the ship but I did not hear about them nor did anybody tell me," witness asserted.

"I only came to know about the passengers when the Police checked on the persons aboard the Chak Sang after the accident at the Tsim Sha Tsui Station," he declared.

Asked whether he could know about the passengers from the departure list, witness replied no. "The list was filled in by the chief officer."

"The master did not know about the passengers, nor you. Whose passengers were they?" the Court asked.

"The No. 2 cargo supervisor was responsible for the passengers. I did not know who got the fare. I did not get a share myself. I have never arranged passage for passengers on the ship," Wong declared.

Mr. Strellett then asked: Supposing you knew about the passengers, what would you have done?—I would have driven them off the ship.

If you were at sea you would report that to the master wouldn't you?—Yes, I would.

Recalling the evening prior to the blow up, witness said it was a very hot evening and he was on the deck. He woke up later and after a bath went to his cabin to listen to the radio and read.

A Big Noise

"Suddenly a big explosion dislodged me from my bunk on to the deck. I rushed out and met the chief engineer. I saw red-hot flames. As I got up to the upper deck I met the master who informed me that he was abandoning ship."

"I went back to my cabin and took a flashlight and a kitbag. I then went to the No. 3 lifeboat and was subsequently picked up by the Police," Wong related.

Under examination by the Court, he said that the cargo was entered in the cargo book as it was being loaded aboard. This was done by the No. 2 cargo supervisor. The cargo book was subsequently checked with the manifests.

Asked whether he knew about 52 bags of red iron oxide of 5,150 lb. witness replied he knew it only from the manifests.

The No. 2 cargo supervisor acted on his behalf when he was not aboard the ship, witness told Mr. Strellett.

"My duty was to see that the cargo received aboard is delivered safely and I have to be responsible for any shortage," he said.

Wong said that he was informed orally by Jardine, Matheson by letter that the cargo contained dangerous goods. He saw the shipping list included "red papers" denoting dangerous cargo.

The letter first reached the chief officer, who in turn passed it to him.

"I received the booking list from the chief officer with instructions on it as to the stowage of the cargo. This I passed on to my assistants," he said.

Order Signed

After the cargo was loaded and stowed accordingly, the tallyman in charge signed the shipping order, then, witness and later the chief officer.

"My assistant would consult with the No. 1 stevedores and instruct him about the dangerous goods."

The stevedores would then instruct the coolies to take precautions in handling the dangerous goods by refraining from smoking and landing that type of cargo carefully.

"All cargo that was to be loaded would be mentioned by letter, issued by the company to the chief officer, myself and the No. 1 stevedore."

"The coolies would sometimes be informed by the boatmen of the lighters ferrying the cargo from shore. Generally, however, the shipper would send a representative with the cargo and he would always check the cargo with the tallyman."

"What I have told the Court is from my own experience," witness stated.

"I left the work mostly to my assistant," he said when asked whether he often consulted with the chief officer on such matters.

"I do not know what the No. 2 cargo supervisor did with the stevedores," he added.

Wong declared that he had special instructions to inspect the cargo to see whether there was any damage. These instructions he passed on to his assistants.

Earlier, at the resumption hearing yesterday, John B. Quealy, fourth engineer gave brief evidence.

Quealy told the Court that he was also the engineer on watch that night.

"I came on duty at 8 p.m. and inspected the valves and boilers to see if they were in good order."

"Later in the evening the chief engineer instructed me to fill up the starboard settling tank from the No. 3 double-tank on the starboard side."

"The No. 1 donkeyman was also in the engine-room then. He was standing at the transfer pump near the stokehold."

"Less than five minutes after we started the transfer pump, the explosion occurred."

Debris Starts Falling

"I was near the stokehold when debris began falling through the skylight. We expected heavier obstacles coming down and ran for the mouth of the tunnel."

"After everything quietened down, we returned to the engine-room and inspected the apparatus. Everything was all right."

"Then I decided to find out what had happened. But hardly

Explosion At Oil Refinery

Fort Worth, Texas, September 20.
A terrific explosion rocked Magnolia Refinery No. 1 today, setting off a raging fire and killing at least two men and injuring at least eight others.

City firemen climbed on top of the refinery superstructure to battle the flames. Later the firemen announced that they had the fire under control, averting a possible further explosion. Associated Press.

had I gone out when the telephone rang, I would have obeyed the signal, with the second engineer assisting me. He arrived as I was about to commence.

"Then we heard the chief engineer giving instructions to come up from below and shut off the fuel pumps."

"I went to my cabin to collect a few articles and rushed to the No. 4 lifeboat, which being full already, cast away leaving the few of us remaining aboard."

"The ss. Nowroz lifeboat arrived shortly afterwards and took us off the burning ship," witness said.

Asked whether he could offer any explanation as to the cause of the blast, witness said no.

"The explosion caused the ship to shudder. I did not notice anything particular on the deck or among the debris."

Describing the fire, he said it was obviously intensely hot. The ship's side plates were white hot and the fire appeared to be more of an orange-coloured flame," he said.

There was black smoke. Replying to Mr. J. Lynn, who is holding a brief watch on behalf of Jardine, Matheson, witness said the shock was not sufficient enough to knock him down.

He informed the Court that the transfer pump was just inside the stokehold door on the starboard side.

Hearing was adjourned to today at 9.30 a.m.

EISLER'S JOB

Berlin, September 20.
Professor Bernhard Eisler, the Communist who fled to Europe from America in the Polish ship Batory earlier this year, was today nominated as head of a newly-created Office of Information for the Soviet Zone of Germany—Reuter.

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Airmail for USA and Canada, (Reg.) 1.30 p.m., (Ord.) 2 p.m.

Airmail for Kowloon, Airmail for Kowloon and Calcutta, Airmail for Hoihow, (Reg.) 2 p.m., (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Basra, Cairo, (Mombasa, Mozambique, Durban, Swaziland and Johannesburg via Calcutta), Rome and London, Kowloon CPO, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.; GPO, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

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Armed Robbers Sentenced

The punishment of seven years' hard labour and nine strokes each was meted out to four men at the Criminal Sessions yesterday by Mr. Justice Williams, senior Puisne Judge, when they were convicted of robbery with aggravation.

The jury of six men and one woman returned a unanimous verdict on Cheung Hon-sang, Ip Yu and Yeung Chi-cheung and Leung Ngai. The latter had pleaded guilty to the charge before the trial.

All four men were not legally represented. Mr. M. Heenan, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector D. Taylor, prosecuted.

The robbery in question was carried out at a wine shop at 165 Bulkeley Street, ground floor, on June 26 this year. Money and jewellery valued at HK\$1,237 was taken from the occupants by the marauders, who were armed with revolvers.

Cheung, Ip and Yeung denied the allegations from the dock.

Notes From Macao

Macao, September 20.
Following suggestions by the Reverend Father Ernest Gherzi, S.J., Director of the Meteorology, Seismology and Radiology Sections of the Zikawei Observatory, the Macao Government has sanctioned improvements in the Meteorological Observatory.

The Macao Government has purchased a new Dupont oscillator instrument, which will be used in atmospheric soundings by anemometers, to forecast typhoons.

Mr. Peter Abalmassoff, a Russian merchant and the proprietor of "Peter Jewellery" of Macao, died yesterday in the Ravel Hospital, at the age of 48.

Mr. Abalmassoff, who was born in Siberia, came to Macao last year and went into business two months ago. He died from acute appendicitis. The funeral took place today.

Mr. J. D. Haskins has been appointed British Vice-Consul in Macao. Our Own Correspondent.

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1.15—"New Weather Report and Announcements."

1.25—"Interlude."

1.30—"Orchestra of the Week"—BBC Symphony Orchestra.
2.00—"Close Down."

2.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

6.00—"Children's Story"—"Winter Holiday" by Arthur Ransome Part 1. Read by Captain Film.

6.30—"Time for Music"—BBC Midland Light Orchestra Conducted by Gilbert Vinter. (BBCTS).

7.00—"On the Record"—Presented by Radio Gibbona. (Studio).

7.30—"La Demi-Meure Française" (Studio). (London Relay).

8.15—"Sports Talk"—(Studio).

8.30—"Take it from Here"—A Variety Programme with Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards. BBC Bevez Orchestra Conducted by Frank Castelli. (Part 2). (BBCTS Relay).

9.00—"From the Editorials" (BBCTS Relay).

9.10—"Weather Report."

9.15—"Ralliant"—A Story of the Australia Gold Rush. Produced by D.G. Bickley. (BBCTS).

10.10—"Around Kowloon and His Orchestra."

10.30—"Thursday Serenade"—A Programme of Continuous Music Arranged by Betty Dore.

11.00—"Radio News Reel" (London Relay).

11.15—"Weather Report and Summary of News."

11.30—"Close Down."

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

CEYLON BREAKS RUPEE LINK WITH NEW DELHI

Colombo, September 20.

Mr. Jayawardene, Ceylon's Finance Minister, announced in Parliament today that the Government had decided to sever the link between the Ceylon rupee and the Indian rupee. The step had been taken to legalise the position following Sterling devaluation and because Ceylon desired to have a free currency.

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Rootes To Open India Factory

New Delhi, September 20.

Informal sources say that the Rootes Group of British motor manufacturers will establish a company in India to assemble and ultimately manufacture cars and trucks.

The sources say the majority stock will be held by Indian nationals with Indians among the directors. British technicians are to be replaced when Indians have been trained.

The factory is to assemble, and later manufacture, 3,000 units annually for use in India. The source added that there will be no restriction on the number of cars exportable.

The factory may start complete manufacture of cars in from five to seven years. Meanwhile, Rootes will co-operate with other manufacturers in producing component parts.

Until India tightened its import policy, 25,000 cars and 15,000 trucks were imported annually. General Motors and Ford, which assemble in New Delhi, are reported to have told the Government that they do not believe the market justifies manufacturing in India.—Associated Press.

TEXTILE MARKET

New York, September 21.

The cotton textile market was steady on Tuesday. Prints for the rest of the year were scarce. Small sales were reported for the first of next year. Broadcloths were in good demand.

Woolens were quiet with merchants appraising the effects of devaluation of foreign currencies on woolens. Rayons held steady. Yarn producers expect increased competition from Britain and other yarn producing nations as a result of devaluation.—Associated Press.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, September 21.

Grain prices sagged. Wheat closed unchanged to 2 1/2 lower. September \$2.08 1/2-3/4; December \$2.11 1/2-3/4; March \$2.10 1/2-3/4; May \$2.09 1/2-3/4; July \$1.84 1/2-3/4.

Corn was 1/2 higher to 1/2 lower. September \$1.26 1/2-3/4. Oats were 1/2 to 1 1/2 lower. September 65 1/2-66 1/2. Soybeans were 1/2 to 2 1/2 lower. November \$2.25 1/2-3/4.—Associated Press.

Notice To Consignees

Consignees Per

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s.s. "WYOMING"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godown where it will be at Consignees risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke at 10 a.m. on September 27.

To comply with General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after September 27, 1949, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before October 4, 1949, or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hong Kong, Sept. 22, 1949.

N.Y. Stock Exchange

New York, September 21.

Relentless selling hit the stock market one of the worst blows of the year on Tuesday. Key issues fell as much as three points. The market value of all listed stocks dropped U.S.\$1,000,000,000.

The general price level retreated to the lowest point of the month. Coal and steel labour troubles, and international currency devaluation, were blamed. Only the gold stocks as a group held any sort of showing. Several golds hit new peaks in early trading but then fell backward. Benguet Consolidated Mining dropped 1 1/2 to 1/4. Benguet was the third most active issue on the board. Selling never got out of control, but the retreat was steady.

Of 1,112 issues traded, 882 declined, 86 advanced and 1,350,000 shares were sold.

Dow Jones Averages: Stocks 63.61

20 Industrials 178.04

15 Rails 45.93

Utilities 37.43.

Closing quotations:

Adams Express 19 1/2

Alaska Juneau 3 1/2

American Can 9 1/2

American Smelting 48 1/2

American Tobacco 72

American Waterworks 7 1/2

Anacosta Copper 26 1/2

Aviation Corp. 5 1/2

Baldwin Locomotive 9 1/2

Barnsdall 49

Bendix Aviation 28

Bethlehem Steel 26 1/2

Boeing Aircraft 16 1/2

Borden Co. 45 1/2

Canadian Pacific 13 1/2

J. I. Case

Chrysler 50 1/2

Colgate 38

Commercial Solvents 15 1/2

Corn Products 62 1/2

Du Pont 50 1/2

Eastman Kodak 42 1/2

General Electric 37 1/2

General Motors 60 1/2

Goodrich 62

Goodyear 38 1/2

Homestake Mining 44 1/2

International Harvester 26 1/2

International Paper 54 1/2

International Tel. & Tel. 8 1/2

Johns-Manville 39 1/2

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

ARRIVALS FROM
 "BREST" Europe 1st Oct.
 "CHINON" Japan 3rd Oct.
 "CHAMPOLLION" Marseilles 3rd Nov.

SAILINGS TO
 PASSENGER/FREIGHT SERVICE
 "CHAMPOLLION" Marseilles via Manila 4th Nov.
 FREIGHT SERVICE

"CHINON" N. Africa & Europe 3rd Oct.
 FOR ADEN, PORT SAID, TUNIS, MARSEILLES, ALGIERS,
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"DO HUU VI" Halphong about 30th Sept.
 "BREST" Saigon 6th Oct.

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Shipping Arrivals

YESTERDAY
 Pullman (Moro Co.) USNR 1211
 ex-London 3.11
 Pres. Jefferson (APL) American ex-
 U.S.A. 3.11

TODAY
 Francisco (Bank) ex-Pacific Coast
 Marine Snapper (APL) ex-San Francisco
 Nishiki (B & S) ex-Bangkok
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TOMORROW
 Heinrich (Bank) ex-Singapore
 Hines (Bank) ex-Singapore
 Pres. McKinley (APL) ex-San Francisco
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Shipping Departures
YESTERDAY
 Dr. Anier (Moro Co.) for Halphong
 Lockhart (Gould) for Okinawa
 General Gordon (APL) for Shanghai
 Sango (Mac Mac) for Yokohama
 Trevelyan (Mac Mac) for Kobe

TODAY
 Strait Malacca (RIL) for Japan
 Tjandjoe (RIL) for Manila

TOMORROW
 Flying Trader (Pattison) for Atlantic
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 Gentry (Bank) for Singapore
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Vessels In Port
 Ajax (B & S) 4.4
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 Sirdhana (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta 10

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 Braderet (Everett) ex-Manila 24
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Sailings To
AFRICA
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TOMORROW
 CNAC ex-Canton 11.30 a.m. 12 noon
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SHIP MOVEMENTS

The ss. Pioneer Mail (V.M. 10)
 is due to arrive here today. She
 will be moored to Buoy A-3 for
 discharging/loading of her cargo.

The vessel is expected to sail
 for New York via Kobe and Yokohama
 tomorrow.

San Francisco, September 21.
 Steamer Nevea Gloria arrived on
 Tuesday from Japan. Departure
 tomorrow for Yokohama.

Seattle, Steamer David C.
 Shanks arrived from Yokohama.
 Departure tomorrow for Yokohama.

Associated Press

JAPANESE TRUCKS FOR KOREA
 Tokyo, September 20.
 The Intra Motor Company today
 announced the conclusion of a
 contract to export 300 petrol-
 powered trucks to the South
 Korean government.

The trucks will be shipped from
 Yokohama in the near future.

United Press

BELGIAN FRANC DEVALUED
 Brussels, September 21.
 Belgium announced today a
 new rate of exchange for the
 Belgian franc, lowering the
 franc's relation to the dollar
 to 124 per cent.

The new rate is 50 francs to one
 dollar, instead of 49.275, and 140
 francs to the pound, instead of
 146.50—United Press.

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 "WINGSANG" Keelung 25th Sept.
 "HINSANG" Japan 25th Sept.
 "TAKSANG" Singapore, Penang & Calcutta 25th Sept.
 "CHOYBANG" Incheon 7th Oct.

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 "S.S. BALUCHISTAN" Lorengau, Rabaul, Brisbane,
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 "M.V. KAFIRISTAN" Keelung, Kobe, Yokohama 14th Nov.
 "M.V. HINDUSTAN" Japan ports 14th Nov.
 "M.V. KAFIRISTAN" New Guinea, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Early Dec.

ARRIVALS FROM
 "S.S. BALUCHISTAN" Japanese ports 5th Oct.
 "M.V. KAFIRISTAN" Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney 24th Nov.
 "M.V. HINDUSTAN" Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney 24th Nov.

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M.V. "GLENARTNEY" Loads for Straits, Colombo, Aden, Suez, Port Said,
 Alexandria, Genoa, London, Rotterdam, Antwerp &
 Middlesbrough. Sails 5th October.
 (Carriers' option to proceed via other ports to load/discharge cargo)

ARRIVALS FROM U.K. VIA STRAITS
 Leaves London due Hong Kong
 M.V. "GLENORCHY" Sailed 26th Sept.
 M.V. "GLENARTNEY" Sailed 10th Oct.
 M.V. "BRECONSHIRE" Sailed 19th Sept.
 M.V. "GLENARTNEY" Sailed 1st Oct.
 M.V. "RADNORSHIRE" Sailed 18th Oct.

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 All intending Passengers are requested to register their names as
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Record Number Of Entries For Softball Leagues

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Softball registrations for the coming season reached a new high as 32 teams signified their intention of participating in this year's leagues. The Senior Men's Division is supported by fourteen registrations with a further semi-official intimation that the USS "Floyd's Boy" might also join.

Several new teams feature the Junior league's nine registrations, while proof of the popularity of Softball among women is evidenced by the record number of nine registrations received. In view of the fact that many of these ladies teams comprise members playing for the first time, the Council of the Association have agreed with their repeated requests for a Junior Division, provided there will be at least four teams in each division. Managers of ladies teams desiring participation in the Junior

League should therefore, advise the Hon. Secretary of their intentions as soon as possible.

Registrations Approved

The following are the registrations approved by the Council

Men's Senior League

Pak Sports Club (Manager H. Moosdeen).
Dere-Devils (Manager R. A. Silva).
Americans (Manager F. K. Cleary).
Chung Hwa (Manager Dick Chung).
Braves (Manager C. A. Fiqueredo).

H.K. Baseballers (Manager F. J. Molthen).
Jaguars (Manager Ollie Vas).
St. Joseph's (Manager A. J. Hussain).

St. Theresa's (Manager E. Rozario).
Overseas Chinese (Manager Johnnie Ho).

Madcaps (Manager F. W. Hollands).
Cumbancheros (Manager Blas Despa).
Canadians (Temporary Manager Miss Alice Mar).

Shanghai Chinese Team (Manager Y. C. Mei).

Men's Junior League

Jaguars (Manager Lionel Sequiera).
Spartans (Manager Bob Blackstone).
Aces (Manager G. O. Jones).
Griffins (R. A. Bux).

Black Hawks (Manager R. R. Sequiera).
Rexes (Manager A. R. Samy).
Braves (Manager Bill Silva).

Overseas Chinese (Johnnie Ho).
Shanghai Chinese Team (Manager Y. C. Mei).

Ladies' League

Clovers (Manager Marie Baptista).
Squaws (Manager Bill Silva).
Wahoos (Manager Hal Wingler).

White Fangs (Manager Hal Wingler).
Canadian (Manager Alice Mar).

Pinates (Manager A. E. Ablong).
McTycereans (Manager Mike Lee).

St. Theresa's (R. A. Remedios).
Wildcats (Manager F. J. Molthen).

Meeting Of Managers

A meeting of Managers has been convened for Friday, September 23, at Doc Molthen's Office at 6 p.m. and all registered managers are requested to attend for the purpose of discussing the league schedule and also the Opening Day Ceremonies.

The necessary fees together with player registrations should be handed in before the end of the month.

Pep Retains Featherweight World Title

Waterbury, September 21.

Willie Pep kept his world featherweight title last night by blasting young Eddie Compo to the canvas three times and stopping him on a technical knockout at 41 seconds of the seventh round in the Municipal Stadium.

Pep, making his first defence of the 126-pound crown that he captured "heroically" from Sandy Saddler on February 11, gave his young challenger from New Haven a terrific battering and practically closed both his eyes before referee Bill Conway stopped the bout.

A crowd of more than 10,000 chilled fans gave Compo a grand ovation as he left the ring for he had given a magnificent display of gameness after being floored twice in the fifth round. He was floored the third time in the seventh. But he was on his feet again trying to fight back when Conway intervened despite Eddie's protest.

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Swimming Notes: VRC-Chinese YMCA Return Meet

(By KIMBERLEY)

The last inter-club swimming meet before the start of the Colony Championships will be the VRC-Chinese YMCA return gala arranged for Saturday night.

This event will be of particular interest, not only because the Chinese "Y" had beaten the Victorians in their first meeting on July 16 this year, but also because the Chinese will be lining up their best talent who will be offering challenges in October.

For the Victorians in this meet such Colony swim stars as Scany Monteiro, Tony Lopes and Gerry Rosa-Pereira will be turning out. On the Chinese side will be the young school-boy, Wong Kam-wah (once a Lai Tsun lad) Chun Chiu-cheong and Ng Nin. Dary names of Championship calibre may be uncovered in this meet.

Down on the programme is Scany Monteiro swimming the 100 yards free style against Wong Kam-wah. This race may be altered to the 220 free style. In either case, the race will be worth watching.

The longer distance (220) is meterable from the competition point of view. The real ability of Monteiro for the 100-yard has been revealed recently whereas his best for the 220 still remains unknown. Wong, on the other hand, is best in distances of 220 and up.

Another feature will be the 100 yards breast stroke with Gerry Rosa-Pereira pitted against Chun Chiu-cheong.

Rosa-Pereira, the routine champion, has been beaten twice before and very badly indeed. In two inter-club competitions, he never managed a first, and was once placed third to Johnny Yvanovich when losing to Chan.

The VRC swimmer has however, clocked 71 flat in a practice swim and is confident of remaining within that standard.

This race against Chun Chiu-cheong will tell whether or not Gerry can still swim the butterfly.

Shauna Anderson, who on Monday clicked the clock at 57.8 seconds (no Hans Anderson tale that, to be sure) is minded down to swim the distance again in the VRC women's handicap event.

Why the Hong Kong-Philippine swim meet events (which have been decided on) have not yet been announced, as somebody asked, I really wouldn't know. From here and there, however, I gathered that the events will be similar to those swum in the meet here last year, except that, as I feared, the distances will be in metres stretched along a 50-metre pool.

The men's races, it is quite certain will be: 100, 200, 400, and 800 metres free style; 100 and 200 metres breast stroke; 100 and 200 metres back stroke. The relay: 3 x 100 metres medley and the 4 x 100 metres free style.

The meeting will be in Manila and held through three days, November 4-6.

The European YMCA Swimming Club entertained the Army last night in a swim meet, emerging victorious by a few points.

The evening went over in fine spirit among the swimmers. Some of the spectators however, were involved in a discussion over the 6 x 50 yards relay, won by the "Y".

It happened that Henri Ballerand on the fifth leg, saw the Army swimmer some 20 yards behind. Reaching the end of the bath, Ballerand stopped.

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New Rules Of Golf Approved

London, September 21.

By a 90 per cent majority, the members of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club at St. Andrews, today approved the draft of the new rules of golf which will come into force on January 1, 1950.

The new rules are for a probationary period of two years when they will be reconsidered and amended if necessary.

Wherever possible, match play and stroke play rules have been amalgamated but there has been no change in the stymie rule.

There is however a general reduction of penalties with a reduction of penalty for a ball lost out of bounds or unplayable. This is now being distance only for stroke and distance as previously.

This change automatically produces a general lightening of penalties and from January 1 there will be no such thing as a two-stroke penalty in the game.

The new setup of rules makes them simpler in interpretation with no separate sections for match-play and stroke play. Penalties for deliberate breach of the rules are just as severe, which means the loss of a hole in match-play and disqualification in stroke play.

Golfers generally should welcome the new rules which also provide for the discontinuance of the play after three strokes, which means the loss of a hole in match-play and disqualification in stroke play.

The Rules of Golf Committee have been engaged in preparing this new code for nearly three years and they have consulted the National Golf Unions, the Dominions and the Professional Golfers Association.

The Dominions have expressed themselves in favour of the new rules and their adoption by the Royal and Ancient Club is a clear step towards uniformity with those now prevailing in the United States.—Reuter.

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Golf Teams And Starting Times

Teams and Starting Times for the match between The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club and Services on next Sunday are as given below.

Singles will be played in the morning—three-quarter difference of handicap. Foursomes in the afternoon—three-eighths difference of combined handicaps. One point for singles and two points for Foursomes.

OLD COURSE

A.M. D.S. Robb (3) v. Maj. Gen. G.C. Evans (14).
2.41 K.S. Kingshorn (4) v. 2/Lt. J.R. Gillam (6).

3.45 S.S. Groom (8) v. Maj. E.H.L. Hale (12).
4.52 H.M. Snow (8) v. Maj. A.E.G. Hale (12).

5.54 W.G. Robertson (9) v. Maj. R.E.G. Twiss (13).
6.58 T.A. Butler (12) v. Maj. J. Cracknell (14).

7.54 K.A. Miller (16) v. Lt. Col. J.P. Stirling (14).
8.58 L.L. MacIntyre (15) v. Maj. R. St. John Yates (16).

9.54 W.R. Paterson (16) v. Lt. Col. W.R. Marriot (18).
10.58 W.E. Colledge (17) v. Maj. J.A.L. Fillingham (18).

11.54 T.F.R. West (15) v. 2/Lt. C.C. Kiddle (14).
12.58 B. Bion (24) v. Capt. J. Shipster (21).

1.52 J.L. Wright (20) v. Maj. D.H. Houston (25).
2.58 H.R. Sainsbury (17) v. Maj. G. Terrell (24).

3.54 P. Jackson (18) v. Surg. Col. D.F. Walsh (19).
4.58 A.E. Lissman (4) v. Brig. A. de Burgh Morris (12).

5.54 W.O. Davies (7) v. Maj. A. Jones (15).
6.58 W.G. Davidson (12) v. Maj. J. Harrod (10).

7.54 H.B. Clissold (9) v. Maj. R.M. Somerville (13).
8.58 L. Goldman (9) v. Maj. J.B. Pugh (11).

9.54 W.L. Whetton (15) v. Maj. T.W. Chatterly (14).
10.58 W.D. Grieve (16) v. Maj. M. Hutchinson (18).

11.54 N.E. Oliver (14) v. Capt. W.D.M. Webb (14).
12.58 T.D. Drysdale (17) v. Maj. W.D. Barclay (13).

1.54 W.A. Nicholas (18) v. Capt. D.B. Borden (18).
2.58 J.S. Elke (24) v. Capt. D.G. Chick (21).

3.54 K.F. Noble (14) v. Lt. Col. D.J. O'Brien (24).
4.58 J.E. McFadden (20) v. Capt. I. Dowdall-Brown (14).

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Huddersfield In For A Severe Thashing

(By "ALBION")

The onslaught of the Wolves last week when they staged a dramatic recovery in the last few minutes to win their game against Everton, should hold them in good stead for their home match against lowly Huddersfield this week.

It looks, in fact, as though Town will be in for a severe thrashing. This should be one of the best home bankers of the day.

At Fratton Park this week, Portsmouth should continue their recent run of successes by easily conquering the Wolves. Pompey's convincing victories of late mean that they must still be considered a power in the football world and don't be surprised to see them shoot to the top of the table in the near future.

West Bromwich, who seem to have settled down to a Division I status, are this week the visitors at Hoker Park, the home of Sunderland, and should come away with at least a point.

Sunderland in recent years have not touched anything like their previous might, when the name Sunderland meant something in the football world.

These past few seasons they have been content, or seemingly so, to linger round the bottom of the league, only just avoiding relegation each time. The game looks very open, with a draw as the result.

Have To Fight Hard

Middlesboro, another team who have been constantly in trouble in this direction of recent years and from whom some real football long overdue, will have to fight extremely hard to avoid defeat in their game with Charlton at the Valley this week.

On form, Middlesboro are anything at the beginning of any football season, Charlton should take full points with plenty to spare.

In Division II Spurs, the present leaders, are away to last year's Cup finalists-Leicester, to think they could bring home the trophy in the form of two points.

Hull City, who have leaped up to second place in this league go to Sheffield this Saturday as guests of Wednesday and will find the Owls providing very much stiffer opposition than they have been experiencing of late. Yes, a good home win is anticipated.

At Lowest Ebb

Flymouth at the moment are at their lowest ebb, but still for them, the tide must one day turn. Will Brentford be the victims of this revival? Does one dare forecast a home win?

Swansea, on the other hand, should have an easy game at Vetch Field, where the visitors, Leyton, are the visitors. Swansea should take full points.

A keenly contested game can be expected at Reading, where Notts County, the Leaders of Division III (South), will do battle. The County are in tip top form this season and I think should just make the grade. A difficult result to forecast.

Newport will be expected to overcome their old Second Division rivals, Millwall, and perhaps gain for themselves a more enviable position in the league than that which they occupy at the moment.

Old Rivals

Notts Forest, who have slipped badly in the last couple of games, have Aldershot, as their visitors this week and should prove another safe home bet.

The match of the day in Division III (North) is that at Gateshead, where the visitors, who are the guests. This should prove a real ding dong struggle for supremacy, with perhaps Doncaster just in front at the final whistle.

Another needle match in this Division will be that between Mansfield (second in the league) and Crewe (third). I think this should be a much easier task for Mansfield than that of Doncaster and we may see a change of leadership in the league after Saturday's games.

Division I

ARSENAL v Birmingham
Aston Villa v EVERTON
Burnley v Man Utd.

CHARLTON v Middlesboro
FULHAM v Newcastle
Liverpool v Derby

MAN CITY v Blackpool
PORTSMOUTH v Bolton
STOKE v Chelsea

Sunderland v West Brom.
WOLVES v Huddersfield

Division II

BRADFORD v CARDIFF C.
BURY v Southampton
CHESTERFIELD v BLACKBURN

GRIMSBY v Sheffield U.
LEADS v Coventry
LEICESTER v TOTENHAM

PLYMOUTH v Brentford
PRESTON v Barnsley
Queens P. R. v West Ham

SHEFFIELD W. v Hull
SWANSEA v Luton

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BASEBALL SCORES

New York September 20.
Today's baseball scores were as follows:—

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Brooklyn Dodgers 5 9 1
Chicago Cubs 0 5 0

Boston Braves 4 9 1
Pittsburgh Pirates 2 6 0

Philadelphia Phillies 5 12 2
St. Louis Cardinals 7 17 3

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Chicago White Sox 0 7 1
New York Yankees 3 3 3

Detroit Tigers 6 13 1
Philadelphia Athletics 8 10 1